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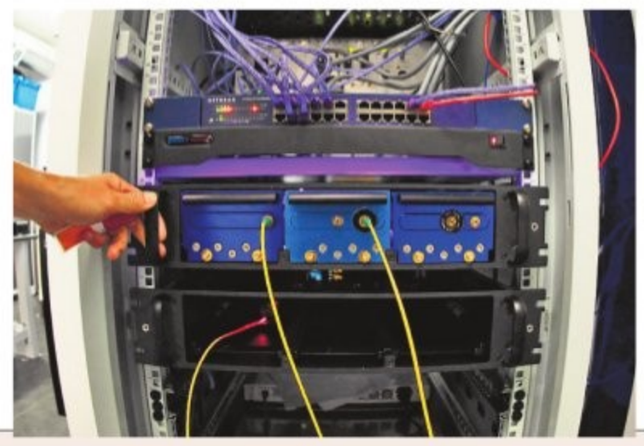

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DATA LOCALISATION STICKING ISSUE IN INDIA-U.K. FTA DEAL

UK's demands that its firms be allowed to take data out of India and bid for public contracts emerge as major hurdles

LIGHTER DEAL EXPECTED BY DIWALI DEADLINE

While negotiators are scrambling to strike a deal before Diwali, the UK's *Daily Telegraph* reported that a number of stumbling blocks remain. As such, both sides are expected to agree to a "light" deal, that could be the first of many. This would be a setback for the new UK government of Liz Truss, which was looking to strike a major post-Brexit trade deal

U.K. RELUCTANT ON EASING VISA RULES

- The UK is yet to agree to India's demands for relaxation of visa and immigration rules for Indians workers and students with home secretary Suella Braverman strongly opposing it
- Analysts say talks on key issues of migration and tariffs may continue towards a non-time-bound second-phase | **P9**

$26.9 billion

PRESENT SIZE OF ANNUAL TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND THE U.K.

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

AAP minister quits as pledge row snowballs

Says he attended event in personal capacity

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

EMBATTLED AAP minister Rajendra Pal Gautam on Sunday resigned from Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's cabinet, adding a new twist to the drama, days after he stoked a controversy by participating in a mass religious conversion event here and subsequently apologised.

"The BJP is doing dirty politics. I do not want my leader Arvind Kejriwal or the party to be in any trouble because of me," he said in his resignation letter.

A video clip of a mass conversion of Dalits to Buddhism in Delhi that went viral embarrassed the AAP as Hindu deities were denounced in a pledge at the event. After Kejriwal conveyed his displeasure, apparently because the BJP had weaponised the clip against the AAP in poll-bound Gujarat, Gautam apologised on Friday but changed tack on Sunday.

The viral video clip had showed Gautam and others taking a pledge saying, "We will not worship Hindu gods and goddesses... I shall have no faith in Brahma, Vishnu, and Maheshwara, nor shall I worship them. I shall have no faith in Rama and Krishna, who are believed to be the incarnation of God, nor shall I worship them."

Clearing the air

"The pledges... were published in Volume 17 of *Dr Balasaheb Ambedkar: Writings and Speeches* when BJP's Thawar Chand Gehlot was minister," Gautam said

In his resignation letter in Hindi, Gautam sought to distance the AAP from the event, saying, "I participated in it on October 5 in my personal capacity." Rajratana Ambedkar, the great-grandson of Dr B R Ambedkar, read out 22 pledges people take while embracing Buddhism at the event. He and others repeated them, Gautam said.

If Gautam hoped for the dust to settle, he was mistaken, as Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta termed his resignation a 'victory for Hindus', adding it didn't show any remorse. The Opposition demanded the resignations of Manish Sisodia and Satyendar Jain over allegations of corruption.

You have given me loads of affection. You have seen my work and keep on ratifying it with your votes. Not only me, you bless all my colleagues too

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Guj's Modhera is India's first fully-solar village

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday declared Modhera in Gujarat as India's first 24x7 solar-powered village, even as he sought to further cement his connect with the poll-bound state, saying people there had showered affection and given him electoral victories without looking at his caste.

"You never saw my caste, you never saw my political life. You gave your blessings for the last two decades," he said.

Regarding Modhera, which also has a famous Sun Temple, Modi said, whenever people discuss solar energy in the world, this village will feature in it. "Government produces electricity and people purchase it. But we want people to be producers of power. Don't pay for electricity; sell it and earn from it instead," he urged.

"People of Modhera are both consumers and producers of electricity. The government is purchasing additional generated power. Such successful attempts must be replicated across the country," he added.

The solarisation of the Modhera Sun Temple and town happened through partnership between the Central and state governments. It involved integrating the village with a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Sujjanpura in Mehsana, about 6 km away from the Sun Temple.

More than 1,300 rooftop solar systems have been installed on houses for power generation. While day time power comes from the solar panels, at night it is supplied from the BESS.

Modhera is also happens to be the first modern village having a solar based modern electric vehicle charging station.

DOUBLE 'I' CRUSH PROTEAS

Shreyas Iyer struck a sublime century, while Ishan Kishan displayed his brute force against a formidable South African attack to set up a series-levelling, seven-wicket win for India in the second ODI in Ranchi on Sunday. Mohammed Siraj led an inexperienced Indian bowling lineup brilliantly to restrict the Proteas to 278/7 | PTI | **P11**

DAY AFTER, UDDHAV SUGGESTS 3 NAMES, SYMBOLS TO EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

SHIV Sena leader Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday submitted three symbols – trident, rising sun and burning torch – to the Election Commission of India and requested it to approve one of them, a day after the poll panel barred both his and Eknath Shinde-led factions of the party from using Sena's name or symbol.

Uddhav said his party has also submitted three names to the EC: Shiv Sena Balasaheb Thackeray, Shiv Sena Balasaheb Prabodhankar Thackeray, and Shiv Sena Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray.

Addressing his supporters, Uddhav said the BJP is trying to finish off the Sena. He pointed out that during the Emergency, some leaders had requested Indira Gandhi to finish off Shiv Sena, but she did not take such a drastic action.

Congress never tried to finish us as a political party, but the BJP is trying to do it. So, who is more dangerous? The Congress or the BJP? I want to tell them that I will not run away from this battleground. I am here to fight

Uddhav Thackeray, Shiv Sena leader

"Congress never tried to finish us as a political party, but the BJP is trying to do it. So, who is more dangerous? The Congress or the BJP? I want to tell them that I will not run away from this battleground. I am here to fight," Uddhav said.

"The traitors first took my chair by cheating and also tried to appropriate Shiv Sena and its legacy. Now they ensured that the symbol (bow and arrow) is frozen," he rued. He challenged the Shinde camp to face the elections without using Balasaheb Thackeray's name. "I still challenge them to exclude the name of Balasaheb Thackeray and face elections. They want his name, his party, but not his son," he said. Uddhav also warned that MLAs in the Shinde camp would soon find themselves disqualified.

EXPRESS READ

Muslims too following family planning: Owaisi

Hyderabad: Muslims use family planning tool, condom, the most in order to maintain a gap between two children, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has claimed, responding to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's recent population remark. "Where is it (population) increasing Bhagwat saab," he asked | **P5**

Running for Cong top job to fight BJP: Kharge

New Delhi: Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday said he is contesting the election for the party president's post "to fight against the BJP and the RSS". Kharge said the situation prevailing in the country is "worrisome" and accused the BJP of "weakening" autonomous bodies, such as the CBI, ED and the income tax department.

Cardboard used to dress fractured leg in MP hosp

Bhopal: Yet another shocking incident has exposed the real state of public health facilities in Madhya Pradesh. In Bhind district, the staff at a government health facility in the Rauna area reportedly used cardboard instead of plaster cast to dress the fractured leg of an accident victim | **P8**

Upper caste people attack Dalit in Kolar village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolar

A DALIT man was allegedly beaten up over 15 people from an upper caste community for performing a puja at a temple in Dodduru Village of Bangarpet taluk. The Budikote police registered a case of assault and atrocity and arrested two people. The search is on for others who are absconding.

Following the complaint, SP Dharani Devi visited the spot along with other top police officials and spoke to the villagers.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi meets Shobha, mother of a 15-year-old boy, who was fined for touching a deity at Ullerahalli village in Malur taluk

Sources said that Muniraju, a resident of Gottaluru, filed the complaint, stating that he visited Doddapura, which is next to his village, to perform the puja at Gangamma temple. At that time, Chandrappa, a resident of Doddapura, his close relative Siddaiah and 15 upper caste people assaulted him, leaving him with bleeding injuries in his head.

Following his complaint, the Budikote police arrested Chandrappa and Siddaiah.

Recently, the family of a Dalit boy was fined ₹60,000 after he touched the idol of the village deity Boothamma at Ullerahalli in Malur taluk. In another incident, villagers of Chintamani taluk in Chikkaballapur district allegedly tied up a minor boy to a pole and beat him up, accusing him of stealing gold ornaments of an upper community girl.

In Kolar Devanahalli, the upper caste people refused to take out a procession of Sree Kateeramma and Gangamma deities through an area where Dalits reside. The incident led to clashes between the two groups in which several were injured. The police brought the situation under control.

MEHBOOBA LAUDS RAHUL FOR BHARAT JODO

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday lauded Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his Bharat Jodo Yatra and said people need to support him as he is fighting to safeguard the country and its democratic institutions from BJP onslaught.

Water pipe bursts in Kundalahalli, road sinks

The repair work underway of the Cauvery water pipe which burst, resulting in a gaping sinkhole at Kundalahalli Junction on Sunday | EXPRESS

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

WATER supply and traffic movement were impacted when the Cauvery water pipeline burst and a gaping sinkhole formed on the road at Kundalahalli Junction on Sunday.

BWSSB Chief Engineer Suresh B said the pipe burst was reported around 5.30 am, and the crack was 450mm wide. A small crack could have led to water leakage and compacting of loose soil increasing the pressure on the pipe and causing it to burst, he added.

However, repair work was completed by evening and water supply was restored, he said. The Mahadevapura Task Force said the pipe burst was expected to affect Cauvery water supply in Munnekolala, Thubarahalli, AECS, BEML Layouts, Kundalahalli, and traffic for 48 hours. **P2**

No board exams for Std 5, 8, only evaluation: Minister

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

SCHOOL Education and Literacy Minister BC Nagesh on Sunday clarified on the issue of conducting examinations for Class 5 and Class 8 students, saying they will be more like evaluations.

He told the media that there is no intention of conducting the exam on the same model as the SSLC board and the department is considering conducting evaluations for Class 5 and Class 8 students. He said the issue will be discussed during the next departmental review meet on October 13. "We are not thinking of conducting any exam. Instead, we are considering an alternative way of evaluation. A more clear image will be given after the meeting in a few days," he said.

Meanwhile, sources within the education department said the move is part of the National Education Policy (NEP). "As part of the 5+3+3+4 system of education, we are trying to implement a method of evaluation so that we

can assess how students are fairing in their learning. This is as opposed to the no-detention policy where students are passed without any attention to how they are doing in their classes and what can be done to help them," they told TNIE. They said the discussion is still in early stages and no concrete picture has emerged yet on implementation and how the method of evaluation will work. "However, if implemented, this will not be done at the state level, but at the school level. There will, however, be measures taken to ensure uniformity in the evaluations," they said.

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• Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Prathami 1.28 am
• Nakshatra: Revathi 4.53 pm • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST
Tons of rain. Overcast

Sunrise 6.09 am
Sunset 6.03 pm
Moonrise 6.33 pm
Moonset 6.22 am

‘Location, elevation of city must prevent floods’

Discrepancies in SWDs documented by BBMP & BDA, says expert

A file picture of people using a boat in flood-hit Sarjapur area in Bengaluru after heavy showers in the first week of September

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ALTHOUGH Bengaluru saw massive flooding after heavy rain in the first week of September, the city’s geography and elevation means that the city should not be submerged, said Vishwanath S, civil engineer and urban regional planner.

Speaking at a webinar on ‘Your Role In City Planning: How?’ organised by the Breakthrough Science Society on Sunday, he said, “Since Bengaluru is situated on high elevation and being placed on a ridge line, it takes a remarkable set of factors for the city to even be waterlogged. If we were at a river or flood plain level, flooding would be a challenge. Bengaluru also lies on a ridge line between two different basins, whose flows are very different from each other. These must be understood while designing the system of stormwater drains.”

He pointed out that there are discrepancies in stormwater drains being documented by two different bodies, adding that there are two separate master plans by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and Bangalore Development Authority, which have not been made public. These should be made public so that the builders can factor in the drainage system, he added.

Explaining the early development of Bengaluru, he said that the city was built based on an ancient system of keres, lakes and tanks that were manmade, where water was collected as the city was built on semi-arid land. “Most places where Bengalureans reside were designed as paddy fields. They were low-lying areas which were levelled by people. Buildings in such areas will face the problem of water flowing slowly,” he said.

Dr Ashish Verma, convenor of Transport Systems Engineering, IISc, said that different intervention bundles were created, considering the opinion of stakeholders, to help reduce flooding in the city. “These are a mix of land use, infrastructure and information-related interventions which includes replacing impermeable road surfaces with permeable materials in vulnerable areas, as well as relocation and rehabilitation of slum areas,” he said.

SEA OF FAITH

Muslims take part in a procession on the occasion of Milad-Un-Nabi, in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

‘Govt trying to saffronise edu by closing Azad schools’

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

THE decision to shut down 22 Maulana Azad model schools across the state has drawn flak from from students, educationists, organisations and citizens.

The schools, which were started for providing better quality of education compared to the madrasas, suffered from a lack of funds, infrastructure, textbooks and uniforms. The closure has also prompted remarks that it is an attempt to ‘saffronise’ education.

“The decision to close these schools is an indication of saffronisation of education in Karnataka. The decision will not only lead to a learning gaps but will compel students to attend expensive private schools,” Sachin Kumar, member of the convening body of the All India Students’ Association, told TNIE, and alleged that the government favours the elites than the working class.

AIDSO state secretary Ajay Kamath said, “More than 100 to 150 students who are poor and belong to the minority communities are studying in these schools. Therefore, the decision is condemnable. The government’s decision to close 13,800 government schools for merger has already sparked a huge pushback from the opposition.”

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Speaking to TNIE, Unicef Education Specialist Sheshagiri KM Rao said that students should be given alternatives.

“The government’s claim that it cannot support these schools can be legally challenged, especially for singling out Maulana Azad schools. Where will these children go? If the government cannot fund these schools, how will they fund 30 engineering colleges,” he told *The New Indian Express*.

He pointed out that the decision could tantamount to a serious violation of children’s Right to Education.

After brief lull, bulldozers to roll today

MOHAMMAD YACOOB @ Bengaluru

THE demolition drive by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, which was halted due to Dasara festivities and survey of encroachments, is set to resume from Monday.

Several officials including BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath and Revenue Minister R Ashoka had said that the Palike’s drive will focus on the Mahadevapura Zone, which saw massive flooding in the aftermath of heavy rain.

Speaking to TNIE, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) Markandaiah said that his team has been instructed to resume the drive from Kasavanahalli and near the EcoSpace area. “We were only told to be present with the team of surveyors, bulldozers and marshals. Two sheds built on stormwater drains have been identified. After asking the occupants to vacate, we will demolish them. Another team will be sent near EcoSpace to demolish a compound wall. The details of who built the wall and the owner will be shared just a few hours before the drive by the SWD department,” he said.

A file picture of BBMP’s demolition drive in Mahadevapura zone

SWD Executive Engineer Malathi told TNIE that based on the Revenue Department’s survey, the demolition drive will be carried out at the Mahadevapura Zone. “Five buildings have been identified for demolition, as well as some buildings in Whitefield and Narayanpura. Similarly, a shed and three vacant sites at Kasavanahalli, and four vacant sites, a shed and a compound near EcoSpace have been listed,” he added. Mahadevapura Joint Commissioner Venkatachalapaty said that many more properties will be added to the list for demolition, and added that no amount of influence will stop the drive.

Aggregators warned for ignoring ban on autos

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH Ola and Uber aggregators ignoring Karnataka government’s ban order on autorickshaw services with immediate effect, the state transport department has warned that the enforcement of the order will start from Monday.

The state government had on Thursday issued a notice to Ola, Uber and other aggregators for allegedly violating the Karnataka On-demand Transportation Technology Aggregators Rule 2016 by illegally operating autorickshaws and overcharging passengers.

However, the aggregators have shown no sign of falling in line with the government order. “They were given time to respond. Since Saturday and Sunday were holidays, we will wait for their response on Monday,” said Transport Commissioner THM Kumar. On Sunday as well, autorickshaw services continued and the prices were exorbitant compared to the meter-based usual prices.

An autorickshaw driver Manjunath, who is associated with a cab aggregator, demanded that the government take action. He said, “We had seen a similar notice served to the aggregators before the elections, but no action was taken. Once again, when the assembly elections are approaching, another notice has been served.”

A gaping sinkhole formed on the road at Kundalahalli Junction on Sunday

‘Norms flouted while laying roads’

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Manu Madhvan, a resident from the area, said that being a Sunday, there was little traffic in the area and the traffic police managed it. The movement of residents and commuters was affected as the Sai Baba temple Road just beside Kundalahalli Gate was shut for excavation work. A civil engineer raised doubts over the road laying work, saying it was not done according to norms. When the land is dug up, the soil should be poured in layers and not dumped at one go and flattened with road rollers, he added. Looking at the damage, he said it was localised around the area where the pipe broke. However, the images show water accumulation causing soil to crumble where the underpass ended, he said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

10TH October : Today’s two top planets are Mercury and Jupiter, between them the rulers of facts, figures, wisdom and truth. The general tone of the times is favourable for far-sighted agreements, and it’s a splendid period for everyone to make peace with their enemies - and resolve never to get into the same difficulties again.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There’s an element of doubt as the week begins, but nothing you can’t cope with. You should bide your time before tackling personal and emotional issues. Today is a useful moment for sorting out what you feel, an essential move before you try to communicate your desires to others.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
There’s no substitute for a good, long look at the evidence, and facts may come to light very soon which could totally alter your way of looking at a particular person. However, it may be too late for now to turn whatever you find out to advantage in your career.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
It’s not always easy to relate to other people but partners and associates must take some of the responsibility for being out of sorts, or at least for behaving out of character. If someone has been getting on your nerves then perhaps it’s because they need your help!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You should soon come to realise just how fortunate you are, but not this week! Your principle planetary pattern keeps your feelings on a knife edge, but then you’re used to performing emotional high-wire acts. You might even teach the rest of us a thing or two about handling relationships.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Some kind of a financial commitment will have to be made soon, but it looks as if you have about three days’ grace. Today you’d probably do better to focus on personal relationships, making sure that partners are on your side. Are you forgetting something - or someone? It might do you good to get in touch.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
If you need proof of other people’s unreliability, you can try a number of steps. First, try to make them reach firm agreements and, second, persuade them to fulfil their promises. The message of the moment is therefore not to push partners too far, at least not if you want to hang on to their goodwill.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Helpful aspects from the Moon indicate that in the ideal world you’d be able to take the day off. Realistically the best you can do is try to infuse all routine affairs with a little of your unique creative flare. It’s OK to repay favours, but don’t let anyone exploit you!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Family affairs dominate your daily cycles, so will doubtless require extra attention, but what is very much more important is that you now burn up the brain cells, concentrating intensely on unresolved questions, gathering all the material you need to make the right decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Sometimes everything seems so straightforward; you may even have come to imagine that you know what’s going on. Well, think again! Yet what seems like a cast-iron truth this week might look like complete nonsense next week, so tread cautiously.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Some kind of alteration in the working pattern of your life is inevitable within the next few months. The pressure in this particular cycle is building up now, and one of your major motives should be monetary reward. Perhaps it’s time that you’re paid what you’re owed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You can afford to feel hopeful about the outcome of all events, both great and small. You must expect a few mood swings, though, and you’ll have to try to match your feelings with your jobs and tasks throughout the day. If you succeed then you should allow yourself to feel a little smug.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Today’s benevolent Moon makes for a pleasant start to your week, encouraging the more outgoing and original elements in your character. It is therefore time to break free and take your chances. If you’re planning ahead, then put your financial commitments under the microscope.

Solutions to Saturday’s puzzle

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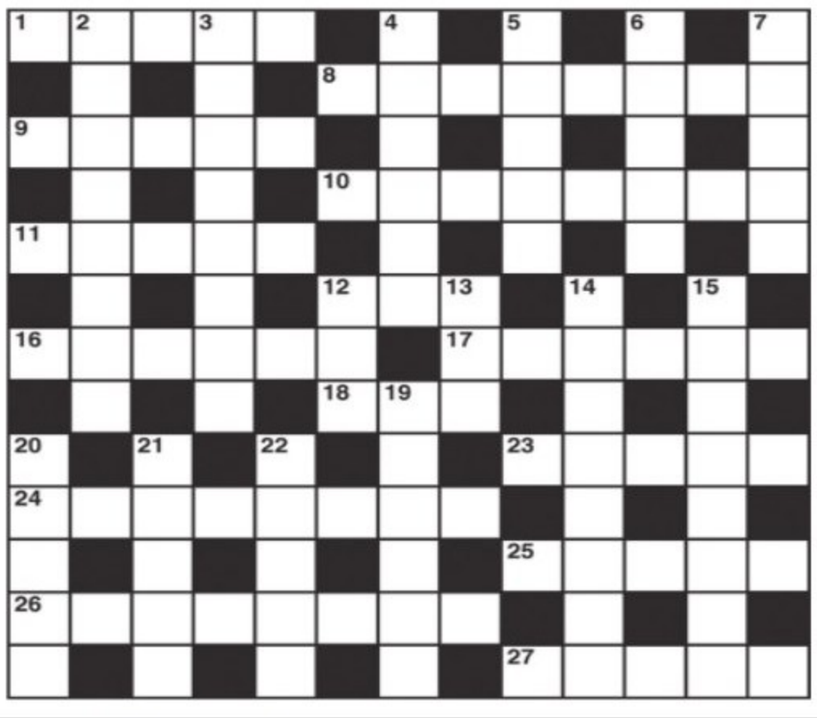
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 All-in total (5)
8 Not expecting the girl to have the goods (8)
9 Jumbo jet propeller? (5)
10 Lend a car out for a period of twelve months (8)
11 Fashionable society has a place to buy and sell (5)
12 One may start driving here (3)
16 Colour I associate with wrongdoing (6)
17 Telephone call about an account - for betting? (6)
18 Returned to strike a blow for equality (3)
23 He makes the grade (5)
24 Command a slave to serve one first (8)
25 Material that may be mined (5)
26 Hearty leaders (8)
27 Boards a coach (5)

DOWN
2 Bitterness shown by Army CO in trouble (8)
3 Bird to settle on a perch perhaps? (8)
4 An item replaced for the resident (6)
5 He has contrived renown pointlessly (5)
6 Booked with prejudice (5)
7 A matter of extreme interest to the lender (5)
12 A revolutionary toy (3)
13 Go wrong for some other reason (3)
14 Dictates one way to prove gold genuine (4,4)
15 Taking someone on of attractive disposition (8)
19 Dead or possibly worshipped (6)
20 What one thinks about a bad side (5)
21 Strike me? It’s wrong (5)
22 Cross any two letters inside (5)

SATURDAY’S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Mechanical, 6 Edge, 10 Scrap, 11 Undertake, 12 Essayist, 13 Isaac, 15 All agog, 17 Drivers, 19 In store, 21 Regimen, 22 In tow, 24 On safari, 27 Ideal gift, 28 Idler, 29 Snap, 30 Insomniacs.

Down: 1 Moss, 2 Chrysalis, 3 Alpha, 4 Inuring, 5 Audited, 7 Diana, 8 Exercising, 9 Trailing, 14 Facilities, 16 Goodwill, 18 Esmeralda, 20 Emotion, 21 Risotto, 23 Theta, 25 Feign, 26 Arms.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

RAWOR

RUDGO

CDDOEE

RINWEN

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday’s Jumbles: AGAIN COLIC CANARY FINALE
Answer: The posh new bed & breakfast had just opened and was in its — “INN-FANCY”

Two people, including a Sri Ram Sene activist, were stabbed over parking a two-wheeler at Ramdurg town on Sunday. The Sri Rama Sene activist, Gopal Bandivaddar, a resident of the Ramdurg, was stabbed, while Ravi Bandivaddar was hit on the head with a rod

Cop arrested for stealing ₹10 lakh from accused

Head constable had stolen cash from gang trying to change currency

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A head constable attached to the Chandra Layout police station has been arrested for allegedly stealing Rs 10 lakh from a farmer and real estate businessman, who had brought Rs 50 lakh in Rs 500 denomination to exchange it for Rs 2,000 currency notes.

The arrested is Mahendragowda. The police said Lingesh from Channapatna in Ramanagara district had filed a complaint against the policeman. "Lingesh's friend Pradeep had told him that one of his acquaintances had crores of rupees in Rs 2,000 denomination and wanted to exchange it with Rs 500 currency as he feared that Rs 2,000 notes could be demonetised. Pradeep had also said the person is willing to pay 10 per cent commission. Lingesh had agreed to exchange Rs 50 lakh and had come to Bengaluru," the police said.

Lingesh and Pradeep had first gone to Singasandra near Electronic City but they couldn't exchange the money there. "Vetrivel, the person who was coordinating with them over the phone, asked them to come near the Jnanabharathi campus and again asked them to go to Chandra Layout, where the duo was joined by Vetrivel and his friend Shyamsantosh. While the four were standing at their car and discussing, Mahendragowda and another policeman who were on Hoysala patrolling duty questioned them. When they tried to escape, the police made them sit inside the car and called another Hoysala vehicle," the police said.

As the four were bundled into two Hoysala vehicles and taken to the police station, Mahendragowda drove their car and brought it to the station. "He reported the matter and said he found Rs 40 lakh cash in the car and filed a complaint. The four failed to produce any documents related to the cash or defended why they were carrying so much cash. A non-cognisable case was filed and they were set free," the police added.

The next day, Lingesh approached a senior police officer and filed a complaint that Rs 10 lakh was stolen by Mahendragowda. "An inquiry was conducted into the matter and it was found that Mahendragowda had stolen the cash and had sent it home before bringing the car to the station. Hence, he was booked for theft and was arrested," an officer said.

BLESSED SUNDAY

Thousands of devotees throng Chamundi Hills for Sri Chamundeshwari Maharathotsava in Mysuru on Sunday | UDAYASHANKAR S

COVID LED TO RISE IN PREGNANCY EMERGENCIES

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru

THE Covid pandemic affected perinatal and neonatal stages for pregnant mothers, leading to neonatal morbidity and mortality.

Studies have shown an increase in the frequency of women presented to obstetric emergencies, apart from a jump in the number of infants with small gestational age (SGA) diagnosis, short labour and even death of infants.

Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Mangala Devi said they witnessed a higher incidence of preterm delivery and even instances of babies dying inside the uterus (IUD), especially after the Covid second wave. The cases, however, have subsided now as the aftereffects do not last long.

A National Library of Medicine study showed that pregnant women disrupted their regular antenatal care and more pregnant women were admitted to the obstetric emergency department with many requiring acute intervention. This led to an increase in cases diagnosed with SGA and brain dysfunction among newborns.

Dr Sudha CP, a senior consultant at Sagar Chandramma Maternity Hospital, said the mortality and morbidity rates were higher for both mother and baby during the first wave. Since people were not aware of being Covid-positive, they would arrive at the end stage making it difficult for doctors to tackle such cases.

Another study by News Medical Life Sciences done across 36 territories of the country, comparing the two years of the pandemic to years before it emerged, it was found that there was a 27 per cent decrease in the average number of home deliveries in the presence of skilled birth attendants (SBA) and the number of institutional deliveries also saw a dip of 8.34 per cent.

A gynaecologist from Suguna Hospital said the Covid scare could have been the reason for this. It could have also caused a rise in the number of C-section deliveries as patients wanted to be monitored by fewer people which was not the case in the labour room (standard delivery).

REVENGE CRIME

Man abuses autodrivers, hacked to death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A rowdy-sheeter, who allegedly threatened and hurled abuses at two autorickshaw drivers, was hacked to death near NGEF Circle in Baiyappanahalli Police Station limits on Saturday night.

The deceased Rahul alias Pallu, was a rowdy-sheeter, facing three cases including a murder and attempt to murder cases.

The police have arrested the accused Shaktivel and Arun, residents of Krishnaiahnapalya in Byappanahalli. Rahul was working as a food delivery executive.

Police said Rahul's friend Murugan, an autorickshaw driver, had a tiff with the accused over parking at the stand on Friday.

When Murugan shared the incident with Rahul, he called Shaktivel and Arun, and allegedly threatened and abused them on Saturday evening.

"The duo decided to teach him a lesson, and began searching for Rahul. They were armed with a machete and knife. At NGEF Circle, they saw Rahul, and picked up a fight with him, following which they hacked Rahul to death, and fled the scene. The accused were arrested within a few hours of the incident," Baiyappanahalli police said.

Shaktivel (left) and Arun

Two killed in separate road accidents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

TWO persons, including a woman, were killed in separate road accidents here on Sunday.

A 40-year-old woman was killed after a lorry hit her two-wheeler near the Nagarabavi underpass. The deceased Manjula was a resident of Vinayaka Layout in Nayandahalli and was a metre reader with Bescom.

The police said Manjula was riding towards Summanahalli in the morning when the lorry hit her bike from behind. The lorry ran over her killing her on the spot. The Byatarayanapura traffic police have registered a case and have arrested the lorry driver.

In another accident, a 26-year-old youth was killed after a mini-bus hit his two-wheeler on Ullal main road.

The deceased Shreyas was a resident of Ullal and was working as a tele caller with a private firm. The police said that the mini-bus hit his bike from the front and Shreyas, who was not wearing a helmet, sustained fatal head injuries and died on the spot. The Kamakashipalya traffic police have arrested the bus driver.

GOING VIRAL

Cop suspended for post against Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Vijayapura

Rajashekara Khanapura

A police constable working at Vijayapura Rural police station has been suspended for his social media post against Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah.

Police sources have confirmed that Rajashekara Khanapura has been suspended from service until further orders.

It is for the first time that a policeman has been suspended on the charges of sharing defamatory posts on social networking sites after members of Karnataka Pradeshika Kurubara Sangha brought the constable's social media post to the notice of Superintendent of Police H D Ananda Kumar and demanded action against Rajashekara.

The members had also cautioned the police department that they would launch a statewide protest against the police constable, if no action is initiated. Based on the complaint, SP Ananda Kumar suspended police constable Rajashekara.

It may be noted that a couple of weeks ago, Rajashekara had lashed out at Siddaramaiah for blaming policemen on the Kodagu incident, where the leader of the opposition was attacked by Hindu activists by throwing eggs on Siddaramaiah's vehicle.

Dared the CLP leader

In a video, the police constable also dared Siddaramaiah to step out of the houses and travel across the state without police escort.

This video had gone viral in social networking sites. However, the police department had not taken any action against the constable as no complaint was registered, claimed sources.

The followers of Siddaramaiah have criticised the police constable for his social media post and demanded an apology from him.

TAKING CARE

Indians aged 25-34 seeking help for mental health

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE insights of a healthcare company revealed that Indians aged between 25 and 34 are taking help to improve their mental well-being with a 44 per cent spike in the number of consultations year-on-year.

Practo, the healthcare company, revealed that Bengaluru has witnessed 19 per cent cases of eating disorder and 17 per cent of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates show that mental health issues across the world is causing an economic loss of around $1.03 trillion. A National Health Survey report stated that 14 per cent Indians needed active mental health interventions.

The insights also revealed that the second wave of Covid-19 had a tremendous impact on the mental health of Indian as there was a 95 per cent jump in online consultations with mental health experts.

A majority of anxiety and depression cases were recorded in Tier-I cities-Bengaluru, Mumbai and Delhi from Oct 2021 till Sept 2022, along with a a 28 per cent spike in queries on alcohol addiction, 53 per cent on drug abuse, and 98 per cent on withdrawal symptoms.

Dr Alexander Kuruvilla, Chief Healthcare Strategy Officer, Practo, said, "While the cases of mental health issues in are increasing in the country, the silver lining is people are recognising the importance a healthy mind and seeking help. Privacy and anonymity are crucial when it comes to mental health, where online consultations are playing a vital role." On World Mental Health Day, Dr Harish Shetty, a psychiatrist, explained that globalisation and fast-paced life are adversely impacting mental health with one in every seven Indians diagnosed with mental illness.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of my client Smt. Sindhu Murthy, Sri. Sanjay Murthy and Smt. Sunitha Murthy, all children of Late B G S Murthy, are the absolute owners and in peaceful possession of the Property, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and Originals of Sale Deed dated: 18.11.1971 executed by CITB/BDA in favour of Sri. B G S Murthy and registered as Document No.3828/1971-72, Possession Certificate dated: 17.11.1971 and Sanctioned Building Plan issued by the Bangalore City Corporation have been misplaced and even after due diligence, the said documents cannot be traced. Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the Schedule Property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, Rent, Lease, Maintenance, inheritance, possession, lien, hypothecation, transfer of title, beneficial interest under any Trust right of prescription or Pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or under any Decree, order or Award or on the basis of the said sale Deed dated: 18.11.1971 or otherwise claiming howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with the supporting documents to the undersigned at her office at No.67, Ram Nilaya, 7th Main, 4th Cross, Gattigere, near Brocade Vista Apartment, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru - 560 098, within a period of 14 days (both days inclusive) of the Publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

Further, any person who finds the said documents mentioned supra shall handover the said document to the undersigned as soon as possible.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bg. BBMP/Municipal No.15, (previously Old Site No.28/A), situated at 9th Main Road, Rajmahal Vilas (RMV) Extension, Bangalore, measuring East to West 60 Feet 06 inches and North to South 78 Feet, in all admeasuring 4,719 Square Feet and presently falling within the administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.99 - Aramanenagara, BBMP, Bangalore and assigned PID No. 99-22-15 and bounded on the:

East by : Property No.28;
West by : Property No.29/A;
North by : Road; &
South by : Property No.27/A.

MODINI .R.M, Advocate
No.8, Prabhat Complex, Office No.328 & 329, I Floor, KG Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Mobile: 7208705575
Place : Bengaluru Date : 06.10.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: **Sri.H.N.SRIKRISHNA, Sri.H.N.RAVISHANKAR and Smt.SHEELA SRIKANTHAN,** all are children of late H.G.Narayana, residing in the Schedule property.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing BDA Site No.253, Municipal No.26, PID No.60-98-26, measuring East to West 60 ft and North to South 40 ft, with a house building thereon, situated at 9th 'A' Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : 9th "A" Main Road
West by : Property bearing No.236
North by : Property bearing No.254
South by : Property bearing No.252

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) /Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Ajhar Shabbirhussain Mrs.Shirin Ajharbohra (Prospect No IL10032018)	All that piece and parcel of: Flat 208 Second Floor, admeasuring super built-up area of 1375 Square Feet, Carpet Area of 963 Square feet Wing A, Vivansaa Blessings, Situated At S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka, 562125.	Rs.34,74,311/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Only)	18-May-2022	06-Oct-2022

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025** or **Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Bangalore Rural, Date: 10-10-2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	31888950001237 31889670000046 31889670000059	1) Prerana Engineering, 2) Mr. Raju. B, 3) Mrs. Savitha. B	09-07-2022 Rs. 9,50,092.38 Rs.1,67,389.7 & Rs.23,933.00 as on 07-07-2022	08-10-2022 10:15 A.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All the Peace and Parcel of the North Portion of the Property bearing Site No.37, Assessment No.43/239, Situated at Kachohalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and **Bounded as on: East by:** Remaining Portion of same Site No.37, **West by:** Site No.38, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road. Measuring East to West 25 Feet and North to South 40 feet, total measuring 1000 square Feet.			
2	47519420000186	1) Dada Kalandar, 2) Mrs. Mallika Banu	13-07-2022 Rs.11,54,905.04 as on 07-07-2022	08-10-2022 12:30 P.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Northern Portion of Site No.4, Khatha No.125, Property No.24, Situated at Kondasapura Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 15 Feet, in all measuring 600 Square Feet. **Bounded on the: East by:** Private property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.3, **South by:** Southern Portion of same Site No.4. The present Market Value of the Schedule Property is Rs.15,00,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Only).			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby is given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 08.10.2022
Sd/- Authorised Officer
For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. **Branch Office:** Divyashree Chambers, #11, O'Shaughnessy Road, 5th Floor, "A" Wing, Off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITUATED AT COIMBATORE

The under mentioned property will be sold by public auction on 03.11.2022 at **Income Tax Auditorium, Income Tax Office, 63, Race Course Road, Coimbatore – 641018,** for the recovery of Income Tax arrears of **Rs. 6,11,16,230/-** (Rs. Six crore eleven lakhs sixteen thousand two hundred and thirty only) plus interest and excluding costs due in the case of **Shri SRINIVASAN MAHESH, No.13/6, 4-34, Sivaji Colony, Kavundam Palayam, Coimbatore - 641030 - PAN – AOEPM3825M** in TRC No.**TRO 1, COIMBATORE/ AOEPM3825M/ 2021-22/ 100000227669** dated 15.09.2021.

Sl. No.	Description of the Property	Date & Time of Auction	Reserve Price
1.	Flat no. B 004 being 3BHK measuring 1453 sq. feet with undivided share of land measuring 882 sq. feet at SF No. 405/1A, situated at Sreevatsa Platinum, 3/278 Thadagam Road, kavundampalayam, Coimbatore, purchased vide document no. 3566/2010 dated 27.05.2010, registered at Vadavalli Sub Registrar office, Coimbatore district, Tamilnadu.	03.11.2022 at 11:30 AM	Rs.47,00,000/- (Rs. Forty seven lakhs only)
2.	Flat no. B 104 being 3BHK measuring 1453 sq. feet with undivided share of land measuring 882 sq. feet at SF No. 405/1A, situated at Sreevatsa Platinum, 3/278 Thadagam Road, kavundampalayam, Coimbatore, purchased vide document no. 3566/2010 dated 27.05.2010, registered at Vadavalli Sub Registrar office, Coimbatore district, Tamilnadu.		Rs.47,00,000/- (Rs. Forty seven lakhs only)

Nature of the Property: **Residential / Flat**

1. The properties will not be sold below the Reserve Price as fixed above.
2. The property shall be sold with all Encumbrances & also statutory dues payable to Municipal Authorities as per law.
3. The intending bidders should deposit **Rs.5,00,000/- (Rs. Five Lakhs only) for each property as EMD** by means of DD drawn in favour of "The Tax Recovery Officer -1, Coimbatore" on any scheduled Bank payable at Coimbatore before the beginning of actual auction proceedings.
4. The successful bidder shall pay immediately after such declaration; a deposit of **twenty-five percent** on the amount of his purchase money to the officer conducting the sale and, in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold. The full amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the undersigned on or before 15th day from the date of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale.
5. Details of the property and encumbrances can be perused at the office of the undersigned on any working day prior to auction, after fixing a prior appointment with the undersigned during office hours at Landline No. 0422- 2225140.
6. The auction is subject to the conditions laid down in the Auction catalogue, which can be perused at the office of the undersigned during office hours with prior appointment.
7. The auction shall be conducted by Government Approved Auctioneers, **M/s Galley & Co., Sathya Complex, 1/1, General Patters Road, Chennai – 600 002.**

Sd/-
(S. VINODKUMAR)
Place : COIMBATORE
Date : 29.09.2022
TAX RECOVERY OFFICER-1, INCOME TAX OFFICE,
ROOM NO.208, 63, RACE COURSE ROAD, COIMBATORE-641018

Former chief minister **HD Kumaraswamy** has urged the state government to provide compensation of Rs 50,000 to each farmer, who loses his livestock to Lumpy Skin Disease, which is caused by the Pox virus. The government has announced a compensation of Rs 20,000 for each head of cattle that dies from the disease

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and seers celebrate Valmiki Jayanti at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Minister Sriramulu compares Bommai to Lord Rama

Says chief minister will deliver justice to Valmiki community

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

VALMIKI community leader and minister B Sriramulu on Sunday compared Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to Lord Rama, saying, "In Kali Yuga, it is Bommai who will deliver justice to us just like Lord Rama."

Bommai said the state government has given impetus to education and employment among the grassroots communities.

After inaugurating Valmiki Jayanti and presenting Valmiki awards at a function at Vidhana Soudha, Bommai said, "The government is building 101 Dr BR Ambedkar hostels and five mega hostels. It has sanctioned given Rs 28,000 crore for SC/ST welfare programmes, Rs 6,000 crore for SC/ST departments, Rs 20 lakh for community members to buy land, Rs 2 lakh to build a house, free 75 units of power for each family and Rs 10 lakh grant to 100 youth in each Assembly constituency to make them self-employed. We are fulfilling the dreams of Dr BR Ambedkar."

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> Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

'Consulted BSY on quota'

On increasing the reservation for SC/STs and the cabinet deciding to accept the Nagamohan Das committee report, he said that all parties supported the move. "We also consulted former chief minister BS Yediyurappa before taking the decision," he added.

He said the government is following the principles of Maharshi Valmiki by uplifting all communities and making them inclusive.

As the Assembly elections are just six months away, all political parties are trying to woo the influential Valmiki community, which is the largest Scheduled Caste group. They have a say in over 70-80 Assembly constituencies.

Yatra brings warring Cong netas together

DEVERAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Chikkanayakanahalli (Tumakuru)

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, which entered its tenth day on Sunday, turned out to be a platform for warring leaders from within the party to bury the hatchet.

Former minister M R Seetharam, a close confidant of CLP leader Siddaramaiah, patched up with KPCC president D K Shivakumar. Seetharam was upset with Shivakumar, and had even warned that he may quit the party as the BJP was reportedly trying to poach him. But during the yatra, Seetharam played an active part in organising it.

AICC general secretary K C Venugopal admitted that the yatra helped leaders with differences to come together and send a clear message to the people of Karnataka.

Meanwhile, former deputy chief minister Dr G Parameshwar and former Union minister K H Muniyappa, representing the right and left SC communities, visibly looked to be on good terms.

Many leaders, including former minister T B Jayachandra despite his poor health, did not miss an opportunity to join the yatra and impress the high command.

Youth Congress leader Abdul Desai from Hubballi-Dharwad, who gave a miss to the yatra, had faced the music as state president Mohammed Haris Nalpad had suspended him. But on Sunday, he too was seen at the yatra.

"If any leader intentionally gave it a miss without any valid reason, we will take a disciplinary action against them, as we are monitoring the yatra," Venugopal clarified, hinting that the yatra is an opportunity for anyone aspiring for Congress tickets for the coming polls.

Congress MP Rahul Gandhi interacts with children, during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, at Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru district on Sunday | EXPRESS

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT READIES FOR RAHUL'S YATRA

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Chitradurga

The stage is all set for the Chitradurga leg of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, which will enter the district from the Huliyar border and will be received by the district Congress leaders. The Chitradurga leg of the yatra will start from Taha Palace Hotel in Hiriyur and will complete its journey for the day at Harthikote, where the group will rest. Some meetings have also been planned by the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee. Accordingly, security has been increased, with two SPs, seven DySPs, 29 police inspectors, 89 sub-inspectors, five platoons of KSRP, seven teams of the district armed reserve, and one quick response team being deployed for Rahul Gandhi's security. Meanwhile, alternate routes have been identified for the smooth movement of vehicles on the Bidar-Chamarajanagar National Highway 150 A, through which the yatra is passing. As Rahul is protected by Z-plus security, the entire stretch of the Huliyar border to Kanakuppe in Ballari district has been sanitised, he added. All the streets across Hiriyur and Challakere have been decorated with Congress flexes, banners, and flags.

Many come in support of Somashekar on Dasara row

ENS @ Mysuru

THE BJP is facing the wrath of its own leaders, including MLC A H Vishwanath expressing displeasure against district in-charge minister **S T Somashekhar**, and others accusing the party of not organising the Dasara properly. Chairmen of various boards and authorities came out in public extending support to the minister on Sunday.

Addressing a press meet here, chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority Mirle Srinivas Gowda, chairman of Zoo Authority of Karnataka Shivakumar, and some BJP leaders from the city stated that such a grand Dasara was not organised in the last 15 years.

"Nearly 2.5 lakh people visited the zoo and Karanji Lake during the festivities, fetching over Rs 2.6 crore in revenue. Being a senior politician and leader of our party, Vishwanath should have given his suggestions during meetings, instead of passing remarks after the festival," Shivakumar said. Gowda too criticised the MLC, saying that he was in the Dasara high-powered committee meeting chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, where he had expressed suggestions for improvement.

"There would have been small issues, but this has been one of the properly-organised Dasara programmes in the last decade-and-a-half," he said.

'Nothing will be named after Tipu in BJP rule'

ENS @ Bengaluru\Raichur

FOLLOWING the renaming of Tippu Express as Wodeyar Express, BJP general secretary Ravi Kumar said, "We will not name buses and trains after Tipu Sultan during the BJP rule as he was a fanatic who destroyed temples." The extent of Tipu's tyranny was such that even at present, Diwali is not celebrated in Melukote in Mandya district.

Responding to MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal's derogatory statement on former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, Ravikumar said, "People know everything, there is no need to elaborate. Yediyurappa is the leader who is responsible for bringing BJP to power from a situation when the party was winning just one seat."

Regarding disciplinary action against Yatnal, he said, "The central leaders are observing everything and will take suitable action against Yatnal."

'Central agencies silent over corrupt ministers, only targeting Congress'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Davanagere

AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge **Randeep Singh Surjewala** on Sunday questioned the silence of Central agencies, such as the ED, I-T Department and CBI, towards corrupt ministers in the BJP, while targeting KPCC president D K Shivakumar and his brother and Bengaluru Rural MP D K Suresh, especially when the Congress' ambitious Bharat Jodo Yatra is passing through Karnataka.

Addressing reporters here, Surjewala said that Shivakumar and Suresh have been served with ED notices thrice in a span of seven days. He also questioned as to why the Home Minister is not being served with any notice, when the PSI scam row is wide open. Likewise, in the contractor Santosh Patil suicide case, why isn't K S Eshwarappa being questioned. And again, why is the 40 per cent commission issue being ignored by the Central agencies, he asked.

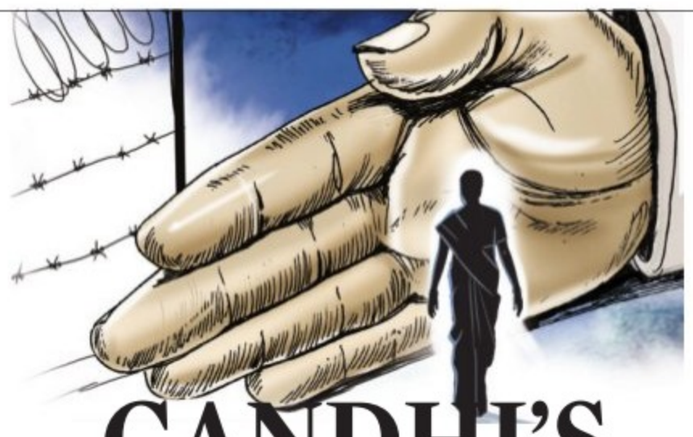
Claiming that Shivakumar is clean, Surjewala said that Congress leaders are falsely being targeted.

Surjewala said that the ongoing yatra has turned into a people's yatra, and the BJP leadership is shaken by its success.

"After the Bharat Jodo Yatra's success, we are planning to go to each and every region and Vidhana Sabha constituency in the country, so that the voices of the common man can be raised on the right platforms and ensure that the country is brought back on the track," he said.

WE NEED OUR MACHINERY IN EVERY FIELD: SANTHOSH

HUBBALLI: "We have our own government, but we are yet to have our own machinery in different fields, like administration, judiciary, economy and others," said BJP national general secretary BL Santhosh here on Sunday. At an event to release the Kannada version of the book titled 'Swarajya-75', he said an ideological movement has been taken up to establish the party's own machinery in every field. "It is necessary to entrench our ideology and question several colonial practices patronised by Left liberals. We will emphasise not only on GDP growth, but also employment generation. We are not in favour of jobless growth," Santhosh stated. Things are changing slowly, but they are being expedited. Strong leadership, exponential growth in the party organisation and exposure of people to media, social media in particular, are creating an atmosphere of acceptance, Santhosh added. **ENS**



GANDHI'S DREAM

REMAINS UNACHIEVED AS UNTOUCHABILITY CONTINUES

TEAM TNIE

IT was Mahatma Gandhi's aim to eradicate 'untouchability' from India's caste system. But even as we celebrate 153 years of Gandhi's birth anniversary, the age-old evil practice continues in many parts of Karnataka. Last year, a four-year-old boy's family was fined Rs 25,000 after he entered the Maruti temple at Miyapur village in Koppal. Soon after, the government announced launching Vinaya Samarasya, an awareness programme to eradicate untouchability.

Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary says the state and the Centre have made sincere efforts to eradicate untouchability. Speaking at the inauguration of Dr BR Ambedkar residential school at Doddamagge village of Arkalgud taluk in Hassan recently, he said the state government is trying to bring the downtrodden into the mainstream by extending the benefits on time. The state and the Centre have come up with stringent laws to curb social evils, he adds.

Despite such statements and efforts, the evil continues. Poojary says there needs to be awareness to eradicate the menace and the Vinaya Samarasya programme will be launched on a big platform. "We want to join hands with seers from various castes and communities to send out a message to the people. It is easier to reach out to people through religious heads," he says. "People's mindset has to be changed."

Caste is a socio-political problem and different strata of society continue to address people of other castes with derogatory terms and no action is taken against them, says Bezwada Wilson, Magsaysay award winner and National Convenor of Safai Karmachari Andolan. "Society can only be transformed by political leadership. But the government has not taken much effort. Instead of eliminating caste hierarchy, they have promoted it in some ways," he adds. Though untouchability is said to be abolished, it is quite the opposite, he says, and urges the government to take a more neutral stand and ensure that people from different social backgrounds are accepted.

A Gandhian, playwright and founder of Charaka, Desi and Gram Seva Sangha, Prasanna Heggodu, says, "Creating laws and institutions to support Dalits has happened. But whether they are functioning the way they should be... not so sure. Also, institutions can only do legalistic work and, unless this is coupled with social action on the ground, nothing will really come up."

"The social movement is happening, but it is mostly by Dalit organisations. A social movement which is larger than just a Dalit movement can handle these issues better. There has to be a platform for negotiation, which can confront and fight, but eventually can sit across the table and negotiate," he says. "In politics, the BJP has become so angry and doubtful, they do not want to speak, but rather pounce on everybody. This is true for almost every other institution. Society cannot function like that. That is what Gandhi tried to do when he tried to negotiate with Ambedkar. But Ambedkar was, rightfully, angry. Gandhi was trying to say even with untouchability, there are two sides, one of wanting to touch and the other of not wanting to be touched, so we must create a situation where the two can talk to each other. But unfortunately that did not happen and was met with anger and suspicion. Now this has blown up beyond compare," he says.

Dalit Sangharsha Samiti Convener Bettaiah Kote says untouchability is practised from Kashmir to Kanyakumari even today. "There was a time when we were told that education would remove untouchability and other social evils. But ironically, it is the educated who practise this more. Even universities are plagued by casteism," he says.

Gandhiji fought against untouchability, but accepted Varnashrama (caste-based social hierarchy). "Every day, there are incidents in villages across the country, but it does not come out. In the feudal system, dominant communities enjoy power by suppressing lower communities. There is little hope of social justice for weaker sections as the government that is ruling the country believes in caste and varnashrama," he says.

TNIE checks what is the status in different districts

UDUPI

Dalit leader Shyamraj Birth says it would be wrong to assume there is no untouchability in Udupi. Incidents of Dalits being barred to draw water from wells of families of other backward communities have been witnessed at Nandikoor near Padubidri. In Badagudde, upper class families do not allow Koraga tribals to enter their front yards, he says.

People from Mugera, Mundala, Adi Dravida (all considered Dalits) communities and Koraga tribe face untouchability. But at the same time, Samagara and Marathi Naik communities despite being STs do not face the issue.

BELAGAVI

At Kittur, Bailhongal and a few villages around Nandagad of Khanapur taluk, people still practice discrimination. Villagers of Chikmannavalli had been restricting the entry of Dalits into Laxmi temple. On May 27, a case was filed at the Nandagad police station against the temple priest and village head. Cases were also filed against a saloon owner for not cutting the hair of Dalits.

Ravi Bastwadkar, General Secretary, Karnataka Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (Bheemwad), says that recently he came to know that Dalits were not allowed at Maruti and Basavanna temples at Margankoppa village in Kittur taluk. Also, villagers of Zunzhawad in Khanapur taluk were restricting the entry of Dalits into Laxmi temple.

GADAG

Villagers say untouchability exists in some remote pockets in Gadag district. Some incidents have been reported over the past four years. In 2018, an elderly SC woman slipped and fell into a lake at Huilgol village. Villagers started emptying the entire lake, but they were stopped after a few local leaders intervened.

In 2019, a snake-catcher, who was in an inebriated state, was allegedly not allowed inside some bars as belonged to the Scheduled Caste. In March 2021, some hotels in Mundargi downed their shutters after marriages of SC/STs were conducted close to their establishments. To create awareness, Mundargi Tahsildar Ashappa Pujar went to a hotel owned by an SC and washed tea cups.

SHIVAMOGGA

A married Dalit couple was allegedly harassed and perpetrators tried to sexually assault the woman at Araga village in Thirthahalli taluk in May. The three accused attacked the couple, who were returning to the village at night after buying medicines for the husband. In her complaint, the woman stated that the accused started beating up her husband, who fell unconscious.

The accused then dragged her to a rubber plantation, stripped her and tried to sexually assault her. When she started screaming, the accused fled. The accused were also booked for atrocities under Section 3 of the SC and ST Prevention Of Atrocities Act, 1989.

KOLAR

Recently, at Ullerahalli of Kolar district, the family of a 15-year-old Dalit boy was fined Rs 60,000 as he held a pole attached to the village deity Boothamma during a procession. Elders from the village convened a panchayat and issued an ultimatum to the family to either pay the fine or leave the village. Ironically, Dalit families too had contributed to the construction of the Bhoothamma temple. The incident occurred on September 8, but came to light only on September 21 after Sandeesh, president of the Dr Ambedkar Seva Samithi, took up the issue with

the Masthi police. The police registered an FIR against eight people, who were arrested. The government later allotted a site to the affected family and the deputy commissioner ordered that the mother be given a job at a hostel.

HASSAN

Nine months ago, Dindaguru village of Channarayapatna taluk witnessed tension after a hotel owner restricted a Dalit youth from entering. Though the incident was over a personal rivalry, Dalits and upper caste people were at loggerheads. The officials camped in the village and took more than two weeks to pacify leaders from Dalit and upper caste communities.

In another incident, the village head allegedly beat up and abused a Dalit youth in Sakleshpur taluk recently. Despite protests, the police and taluk authorities failed to provide justice to the victim.

Members of an upper caste boycotted Dalits from entering Anjaneya temple in Sigaranahalli of Holenarasipur three years ago. Finally, the district authorities resolved the issue by taking upper caste people into confidence. But since then, upper caste people have not entered the temple.

BIDAR

Some parents stopped their children from going to an Anganwadi in the Hatyal village of Basavakalyan taluk as one of the anganwadi workers was an SC.

The worker, Sumitra, says she was shocked when students stopped coming to the anganwadi because of her caste. The residents even searched for another worker and told her to get transferred to Sirgapur, a neighboring village. Basavakalyan MLA Sharanu Salagar convinced the villagers not to practise untouchability. Later, the villagers started sending their children to the anganwadi, she adds.

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The University of Madras has suspended three officials and withheld employment benefits of two retired staff, all associated with its Institute of Distance Education (IDE), after an in-house inquiry found evidence for their alleged involvement in an online exam scam unearthed last year

Stalin wins DMK throne; Kanimozhi is dy gen secy

CM sets target of winning 39 LS seats in TN and lone seat in Pondy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

CHIEF Minister M K Stalin was unanimously elected as president of the ruling DMK for a second term at the party's general council meeting held on Sunday. While water resources minister D Duraimurugan and DMK's Lok Sabha floor leader T R Baalu were also unanimously elected as party's general secretary and treasurer, respectively, party women's wing secretary Kanimozhi Karunanidhi was named as one of the five deputy general secretaries of the party.

Addressing cadres after being elected as chief, Stalin exhorted party brass to take a vow to ensure landslide victory for the party in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls to help the party emerge in national politics as an unassailable force. The party should win all the 39 parliamentary constituencies in Tamil Nadu and the lone seat in neighbouring Puducherry, Stalin said.

Booth committees must be set up across the State by including people from all walks of life, and the work must be completed within two months, the CM said.

Targeting both the BJP and the AIADMK, Stalin said the saffron party is attempting to do politics in Tamil Nadu against the DMK through defamatory propaganda as it has no achievements to show. "The BJP is trying to do politics by stoking religious and spiritual sentiments," Stalin said. Since the people of Tamil Nadu have never mixed politics with spiritualism, the "BJP is suffocating". The AIADMK is a divided house, riddled with factional feud, and the national party is trying to use it to its benefit.

Cautioning about the influence of social media and opposition propaganda against the DMK, the CM said with the advent of mobile phones everything has become a public space and DMK leaders and functionaries must be cautious with their words and actions when they meet people.

The DMK chief warned party functionaries that the AIADMK and the BJP would try to insult the party through a campaign of lies in the run-up to the parliamentary polls.

TN CM MK Stalin walks past photos of DMK leaders CN Annadurai, M Karunanidhi and K Anbazhagan at the party general council meeting in Chennai on Sunday | EXPRESS

OWAISI SAYS MORE MUSLIMS USE CONDOMS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

AIMIM chief **Asaduddin Owaisi** has called upon the Muslims to retaliate against what he termed RSS and BJP's politics of spreading hatred between different communities and perpetrating violence and atrocities against the Muslims, with a strong resolve and courage and by using the rule of law as well as political representation.

Addressing a public meeting at AIMIM headquarters on the eve of Milad-un-Nabi on Saturday night, Owaisi contested the claim of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat that religion-based population imbalance has become a concern in the country.

Citing the findings of the National Family and Health-5 survey report, Owaisi said that while the total fertility rate in the country was only two per cent, in Muslims it has further declined. "Muslims also have maximum spacing (gap between two children) and we

use the most number of condoms," he declared amidst lour cheers from the crowd.

In an apparent reference to female foeticide, he wanted to know why there was so much silence over 90 lakh Hindu girls going missing between 2000 and 2019.

He also condemned renaming 'Tipu Express' in Karnakata, and said that the three battles fought by Tipu Sultan against the Britishers was a historic fact, and that unlike the descendants of some Maharajas who had surrendered the people's revolution before the British and later joined the mainstream politics, Tipu's family was destroyed and his descendants were presently pulling rickshaws in Kolkata.

SPREADING LIGHT

A potter makes diyas ahead of Deepavali festival in Visakhapatnam on Sunday | G SATYANARAYANA

TTD changes VIP darshan timings

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirumala

TIRUMALA Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has decided to shift room allotment system to Tirupati and change VIP break darshan timings to 10 am for the benefit of common devotees, Executive Officer AV Dharma Reddy announced during the monthly Dial Your EO programme held at Annamaiah Bhavan in Tirumala on Sunday.

Stating that the changes have been made on a trial basis, the EO explained that devotees who don't get rooms in Tirumala can find accommodation in Tirupati once the room allotment system is shifted.

On changing the VIP break darshan timings, Dharma Reddy said common devotees waiting in the compartments all night for early morning Srivari darshan will be benefitted.

Referring to the QR code system introduced for Srivari Sevakulu to locate their point of service, the EO said the method proved to be successful and that it would soon be replicated for devotees also.

Further, the official announced that a five-day fete of Sri Venkateshwara Vaibhavotsavam will be conducted from October 11 to 15 in Hyderabad to showcase Nitya Kainkaryas to devotees of other regions.

Tharoor gains more supporters, but not all are voters

ABHILASH CHANDRAN & CYNTHIA CHANDRAN
@Kottayam, T'Puram

THERE may not be any senior political leader from Kerala in his favour, but support is swelling for Thiruvananthapuram **MP Shashi Tharoor** on social media and on the ground alike as he takes on party colleague Mallikarjun Kharge for the top Congress post.

Tharoor's tweets and posts on Twitter and Facebook are being lapped up by supporters, most of them youth, ever since he announced his candidature. And on Saturday, a Congress ward committee in Kerala came out with a unanimous resolution in the MP's favour, even as the party top brass here back Kharge, who is presumed to be the official candidate of the Gandhi family.

"I see a positive groundswell in my favour, not only in Kerala but across the country. This is sure to reflect on October 17," Tharoor told *TNIE*.

But the support, though welcome, is not enough to win Tharoor the AICC chief post. For neither the public nor the committees can vote in the

election. His supporters know this too. "We fully understand that we do not have a role in this election. However, leaders who praise booth-level workers during elections should see this," read out the resolution passed by Congress' Thottakkad ward committee in senior leader Oommen Chandy's Puthuppally Assembly constituency.

On Saturday, six flex boards also appeared in Pala, where the party has been fighting for existence for decades owing to the domination of Kerala Congress (M). They read: "For the safety of Congress, for the virtue of the nation, let Tharoor come."

Tharoor has 15 lakh followers on Facebook and 84 lakh followers on Twitter.

Farmer in TN shot dead in tiff over missing goats

ENS @ Coimbatore

A cattle farmer in Rangarajapuram near Coimbatore was shot dead by a worker on Saturday after a quarrel broke out between them over missing goats.

According to police, M Chinnasamy (58) and his wife Manickam (55) were rearing more than 70 goats. Chinnasamy used to send the goats for grazing to an area located adjacent to the reserve forest. On Saturday, the couple realised that some goats had not returned. Later, Chinnasamy met his relative K Ayyasamy (30) and told him about the disappearance of his goats. Ayyasamy, who was consuming liquor, told him that Ranjithkumar (26) a daily wage labourer might have stolen the goats.

As the two were talking, Ranjithkumar crossed the area and Chinnasamy questioned him about the missing goats. A heated argument broke out between the two. Locals pacified them. Around 11 pm, Ranjithkumar returned with a country-made gun and shot Chinnasamy dead.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

BRAVE GIRL DIES AFTER SAVING SISTER FROM DROWNING IN SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

SRIKAKULAM: A brave 12-year-old girl drowned while trying to save her younger sister who had fallen into a stream at Kasiraju Kasipuram village of Srikakulam district on Sunday. The younger girl survived. The deceased has been identified as Savara Harika, a Class VI student. Nandigam police sub-inspector Muhammad Amir Ali said Savara Tulasamma, along with both her daughters, had gone to the stream to wash clothes. Jahnavi (6) slipped and fell into the six-feet deep stream. On noticing her sister struggling for help, Harika jumped into the water and rescued Jahnavi. The strong current in the stream, however, washed her away. ENS

A devotee dips her hands in hot oil

Kumta temple's hot oil-vow connection

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kumta (Uttara Kannada district)

HERE is a unique religious practice. Thousands of devotees throng the Rayeshwari Kamakshi Devi Temple in Kumta and dip their hands in boiling oil to fulfil their vow. At least a thousand people visited the temple recently where a grand puja was organised for the deity.

After the puja ended, the priest came out and threw flowers around a pan which had boiling oil and 'vadas' in it.The much-awaited event commenced with a person coming in front of the stove where the oil was being heated. After bowing to the deity, he immersed his fingers into the hot oil, took out the 'vadas' floating in it and bowed again to the deity. Surprisingly, he did not sustain any burns. The event went on with hundreds of people fulfilling their vow. Devotees said it is a miracle and has been in practice since ages. "If nothing happens to the person who immerses his or her hands in the oil, it means that the Goddess has blessed him or her," said a priest. Raju Naik, a devotee who has been visiting the temple each year to participate in the ritual, said, "Any person who prays to the Goddess seeking her blessings and makes a wish visits this temple and fulfils his or her vow by performing this ritual," he explained.

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Samagra Shiksha, Andhra Pradesh is inviting tenders through e-procurement for supply of school bags under the scheme of **"Jagananna Vidya Kanuka"** to all the students (approximately **41.38 lakhs** in number) studying classes I to X in Government/MPP/ZPP/Municipal/KGBVs/Model Schools/Ashram Schools/Residential/Aided Schools of Education and welfare departments in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the year 2023-24. For details please visit **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** from 10.10.2022. Tender/RFP form can be downloaded from website. Eligible firms are requested to upload the prescribed format as per the schedules given in the above website. Contact No.**0866-2428599.**

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Establishing 110kV Switching Station for Electrification of 110/27kV Railway Traction Sub-station of M/s Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) at Barkur and Construction of proposed 110kV LILO line for a distance of 0.8kms from the 110kV Hiriyadka-Madhuvana line to the proposed 110/27kV Railway Traction substation of M/s KRCL at Barkur in Brahmavara Taluk and Udupi District under Deposit Contribution Work. The Line is passing through the Village limits of Heradi. The above said line is proposed to be charged on or after **11.10.2022.** The Public of this area/village are advised not to climb the towers of these lines and also not to take up any activities below these lines. For any illegal activities, the KPTCL is not held responsible which may please be noted.

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NO:TMU:PRODN:67/N/PART-12/2022-23 DATE:08.10.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (KMF) (Short Term Tender Notification)

The Tumkur Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites E-procurement tenders from eligible tenderers for Transportation of the goods as mentioned below:

PART-A (only through E-PROCURMENT)

Sl. No.	E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO	WORK DESCRIPTION
1	NO:TMU:PRODN: 67/N/012/2022-23 DATE:19.09.2022	Transportation Of Milk Products-SMP/ WMP & Butter from different KMF Dairies & also from Out Of State Dairies to various Ware Houses & Cold Storages at different places on RATE/ MT basis for a period of 1 year as detailed in tender document.

PART –B (only through E-PROCUREMENT)

Sl. No.	DESCRIPTION	DATE/TIME
01	Tender upload date	10-10-2022
02	Last date & time for receipt of tenders	24-10-2022 / 2.00 P.M
03	Time & date of opening of technical tender bid	27-10-2022 / 2.30 P.M
04	Web Site Address For E-tender	www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

E-Tender Notice (Open Tender Enquiry for Domestic Bidding)
Tender Enquiry No: HO(Contracts)/Repl. Old CGI Sheets/Dep.14/ KDL/2022/890, Dated : 10-10-2022
[MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC/HO/54/22-23/ET/444]

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites **online bids** from experienced domestic bidders for the work of **'Replacement of Old CGI sheets with Galvalume sheets and structural painting of crushing plant and Downhill Conveyor at Deposit-14, BIOM, Kirandul Complex, Dantewada (CG)'.**

The detailed NITs and Bid documents can be viewed and / or downloaded from **10-10-2022 to 10-11-2022 from following website links;**

1. NMDC website - **http://tenders.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender**
2. Central Public Procurement portal - **http://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app** and
3. MSTC portal - **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp**

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The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited e-procurement website.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted :

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Contract No	**CMRL/PLNG/631/1/2022- DFR Study for Introduction of AC coaches in Chennai Suburban line**

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E-Tender **Publication date**: 12-10-2022,
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EDITORIAL

It's time to tell everyone who's dealing with a mental health issue that they're not alone, and that getting support and treatment isn't a sign of weakness, it's a sign of strength

Michelle Obama

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— Ramnath Goenka

POWER PLAY BEHIND PANEL TO STUDY SC QUOTA FOR CONVERTS

By setting up a panel headed by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan and giving it two years to examine the demand to extend Scheduled Caste status to all Dalit converts, the Centre appears to have sought a judicial pause on the highly controversial issue. The law under the lens is paragraph three of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, which keeps converts out of the ambit of reservation. It was amended twice to open windows for converted Sikhs and Buddhists to get in, but the door remained shut for all others, including Dalit Christians and Muslims. Major mainstream parties have been wary of disturbing the reservation hive for various reasons. The ruling BJP is ideologically opposed to the proposal, fearing it would incentivise religious conversion. The Congress does not want to stick its neck out to avoid a possible blowback from Dalits on sharing their reservation pie. For, if the quota becomes religion-neutral, there are concerns that Dalit Christians could corner all the benefits like jobs and electoral seats in reserved constituencies since they are better educated and more organised.

Though textually, Christianity and Islam are egalitarian, deep caste discrimination within them is no secret, which is why Dalits among them want the SC quota. Failing to get political redress, Dalit Christians approached the judiciary. However, their case fell in the Supreme Court earlier for want of empirical evidence. Later, a couple of NGOs filed a new PIL, citing the findings of a clutch of reports to buttress their demand for SC quota to all converts. And a bench led by Justice Chandrachud issued a notice to the Centre, hence the new panel. The committee's terms of reference include examining the changes in customs, traditions, social status and discrimination of converts compared to their peer groups within the SC quota to get a better fix on the complex, multidimensional issue.

However, by the time the panel's report is submitted, the 2024 Lok Sabha polls would have been over. Coincidentally, liberal judge Chandrachud would have almost completed his tenure as CJI, assuming incumbent U U Lalit recommends him as successor, going by the convention of naming the next in seniority for the top post. That Justice Chandrachud did nudge the Centre to set up the panel is in itself an achievement. But it would be up to the next government and Chandrachud's successor to pick up the threads and amicably settle the knotty question.

TACKLING TELANGANA'S TRIBAL LAND ALLOTMENT

As Telangana state moves closer to Assembly elections next year, the ruling Telangana Rashtra Samithi government is grappling with a major problem which brooks no delay. It has to find an answer to the podu lands issue as clashes occur between forest department staff and tribals with alarming regularity. At times forest officials or tribals get injured in the clashes. In the Bhadradri Kothagudem district itself, two such incidents took place. Last year, a pregnant staff member of the department had to run for her life when the tribals armed with weapons chased her in a village in Kagaznagar Mandal in Kumuram Bheem-Asifabad district. In 2019, Chole Anitha, a range officer, was beaten up by a mob of tribals, egged on by a local TRS leader. The disturbing picture and video of the officer being thrashed with long, stout sticks went viral on social media.

As the government cannot remain a mute spectator, it has started identifying the tribals who had been inhabiting the forest lands before December 13, 2005, as laid down by the Central Forest Rights Act, 2006. The state government invited applications for conferment of rights but was shocked to see an avalanche. It received applications from about 3.5 lakh tribals for 13 lakh acres of forest land for podu (shifting) cultivation. Half of them, it is suspected, were non-tribals.

Undeterred, the government issued a GO 140 to identify the tribals per the Central Act. As the GO mandated the constitution of a district-level coordination committee with people's representatives as members to decide on the tribals' rights, some challenged it in the Telangana High Court, which stayed its operationalisation. The High Court asked the government to issue a fresh GO to clear the confusion it has caused. For the conferment of rights on non-tribals, the Act prescribes a cumbersome procedure.

There is no denying the fact that the podu lands problem is difficult to address even after the issuance of a new GO because of its sensitive nature. At the same time, it cannot be allowed to fester. It may not be difficult for the state government to do it transparently if it has political will. But the exercise is a double-edged weapon as it could turn many tribals and non-tribals against the TRS if they do not get land rights.

QUICK TAKE

DIGITAL RUPEE IS FUTURE

India is experimenting with digital rupees. The RBI will pilot limited launches of a digital currency followed by public awareness campaigns. There's a long way to go before easing it into the financial system. The world hotly debates shifting from physical money post-crypto and stablecoins. Nearly 105 countries are currently testing the concept. Digital cash can provide seamless global monetary policies in the future. It has benefits—no printing or distribution overheads and lower transaction costs. Tabs on this currency are easy, leading to transparency in money flows. The e-rupee can replace cash but won't attract interest like bank deposits.

New nationalism does not advocate "unreasoning violence of spirit and the preference of desperate methods"

"NEW NATIONALISM" AND INDIA's RENAISSANCE

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

SOURAV ROY

Not westernised, bourgeois gentlemen, but Samurai—or more appropriate to our civilisation—inspired *yogis* and dedicated *tapasvis*, would transform the nation and make India great again. But for this to happen, the spirit of the nation would have to be awakened. This was the message of Sri Aurobindo, whose 150th birth anniversary we are celebrating along with India@75, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

A posse of armed inspectors and policemen arrested Sri Aurobindo from his modest digs on 48, Grey Street, Calcutta, on May 2, 1908, in what was to become the famous Alipore Bomb Case. He was charged with "conspiracy" and "waging war against the King", an offence tantamount to high treason, punishable with death by hanging. Among the papers seized were five unpublished essays, intended for *Bande Mataram*, the periodical he edited. "The New Nationalism", one of these, was presented as evidence against him by the prosecution during the trial. It has now been republished in *Bande Mataram*, Vol. 6 and 7 of *The Complete Works of Sri Aurobindo* (1997; 2002).

This extraordinary essay has great bearing on India's culture wars of today. In fact, some of our current debates bear an uncanny resemblance to the quarrel between the so-called extremists and moderates or the "garam dal" and the "naram dal" of the Indian freedom struggle. Perhaps, no one articulates what the former stood for more forcefully and clearly than Sri Aurobindo. He refutes the idea that the extremists did not respect the law of the land or that they preferred violent methods to peaceful ones. In fact, he preferred to call them nationalists rather than extremists.

But who, according to Sri Aurobindo, were these "new nationalists"? What did they really stand for in contradistinction to what was imputed to them in the derisive, if not dismissive, term "extremists"? To Sri Aurobindo, the new nationalism then sweeping across India, which Mahatma Gandhi also referred to in the opening chapter of *Hind Swaraj* (1909), was actually the "negation of the old bourgeois ideals of the nineteenth century." Its aim was to "transform the bourgeois into the Samurai" and "to extend the workings of the Samurai spirit to the whole nation".

Sri Aurobindo mocks the prevalent misunderstanding of "extremism", and "the respectable ease and safety of Congress politics". He states: "The ordinary Congress politician's ideas of Nationalism are associated with heated discussions in Committee and Congress, altercations at public meetings, unsparing criticisms of successful and eminent respectabilities, sedition trials, National Volunteers, East Bengal disturbances, Rawalpindi riots. To him the Nationalist is nothing more than an "Extremist", a violent, unreasonable, uncomfortable being whom some malign power has raised up to disturb with his Swaraj and Boycott, his lawlessness and his lathies…"

The new nationalists might differ amongst themselves in their aims and methods but are quite different from the regular Congressmen in that "they are united by … a common faith in India". This, according to Sri Aurobindo, "is the heart of Nationalism". The new nationalism, in other words, "is an attempt to create a new nation in India by reviving in spirit and action ancient Indian character, the strong, great and lofty spirit of old Aryavarta, and setting it to use, and mould the methods and materials of modernity for the freedom, greatness and well-being of a historic and immortal people".

The new nationalism does not advocate "unreasoning violence of spirit and the preference of desperate methods". It does not "advocate lawlessness for its own sake". But the law that the new nationalists are "called upon to obey" is not the law of the colonial power imposed upon a conquered people but "the law of the nation, an outgrowth of its organic existence and part of its own accepted system of government".

What, then, is this law of the nation? Sri Aurobindo repeatedly asserts that it is spirituality. In the opening essay of *The Renaissance in India*, he says, "Spirituality is indeed the master-key of the Indian mind; the sense of the infinite is native to it. India saw from the beginning,—and, even in her ages of reason and her age of increasing ignorance, she never lost hold of the insight,—that life cannot be rightly seen in the sole light, cannot be perfectly lived in the sole power of its externalities."

But what is spirituality? As Sri Aurobindo clarifies in *The Life Divine*, it is neither the 'The Materialist Denial' nor 'The Refusal of the Ascetic'. Indeed, it is "not a high intellectuality, not idealism, not an ethical turn of mind or moral purity and austerity, not religiosity or an ardent and exalted emotional fervour, not even a compound of all these excellent things; a mental belief, creed or faith, an emotional aspiration, a regulation of conduct according to a religious or ethical formula are not spiritual achievement and experience".

Instead, according to Sri Aurobindo, "spirituality is in its essence an awakening to the inner reality of our being, to a spirit, self, soul which is other than our mind, life and body, an inner aspiration to know, to feel, to be that, to enter into contact with the greater Reality beyond and pervading the universe which inhabits also our own being, to be in communion with It and union with It, and a turning, a conversion, a transformation of our whole being as a result of the aspiration, the contact, the union, a growth or waking into a new becoming or new being, a new self, a new nature".

The soul of the triple-bodied Indian nation, with the gross outer body, the subtle body within, and inhabiting "another more deeply hidden" third body, its *Shakti*, the spirit of the nation, "the source of life and form…unchanging and imperishable". This great power could be found by a living faith "not in an Anglicised and transmogrified nation" of people "unrecognisable as Indians, but in India of the immemorial past, India of the clouded but fateful present".

This nation of Sri Aurobindo's dreams, echoing Bankim's Durga, was what the Mother was envisioned to be in *Ananda Math*, "India leonine, mighty, crowned with her imperial diadem of the future; a common spirit of enthusiasm, hope, the desire to dare and do all things so that our vision of her future may be fulfilled greatly and soon".

This, for Sri Aurobindo, is the true meaning and manifestation of the Indian renaissance.

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GETTING RID OF THAT OLD BAGGAGE

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

October 10 is World Mental Health Day; and there is a collective mental sickness called social discrimination that we still need to treat. Doing so is our duty in line with our modern scripture, the Constitution. Old scripture, too, tells us to transcend false divisions but are we open to its message?

Take this stark episode from the *Ashwamedhika Parva* of the *Mahabharata*, 14:53–55. As Sri Krishna returns to Dwaraka in his chariot, he passes through "a desert ill-supplied with water", where he chances upon a wandering ascetic, Utanka, described as "the foremost of the learned".

Sri Krishna and Utanka exchange fond greetings. Utanka asks for news. He is devastated to hear about Kurukshetra and wants to curse Krishna for letting it happen. Krishna patiently explains his avatar's purpose of restoring dharmic balance and Utanka is pacified. He then begs to see the 'Visvarupa'. And Krishna actually lets him see it.

So besides Arjuna at Kurukshetra and Yashoda, when she looked into Baby Krishna's open mouth and saw the cosmos, it's Utanka who beholds "Vasudeva's universal form, endowed with mighty arms, blazing with the fire of a thousand suns, filling all space, with faces on every side". Overwhelmed, Utanka says, "O You whose handiwork is the universe, I bow to You. O parent of all things, You fill the firmament."

Krishna grants Utanka a boon that he will find water whenever thirsty if he but thinks of him. Desperately thirsty soon after, Utanka calls to Krishna, but no sparkling fountain manifests. Instead, a Chandala or so-called 'outcast' appears who invites Utanka to quench his thirst. Outraged, Utanka refuses. Despite many pleas and protestations by the Chandala, Utanka furiously says no, and so the apparition shrugs and vanishes. Alas, it is none other than Indra, lord of the celestials, who, when asked by Krishna to give Utanka a drink of *amrita*, the nectar of immortality, insisted that Utanka be first put to test.

Sri Krishna then appears. "Your fault has been great," he says to the weeping Utanka. "However, I will keep my word. Sudden clouds will shower water in the desert. They shall be called 'Utanka clouds' always." And they are, even today.

Another stark story which tells us that every life is precious is from the *Aitareya Brahmana* section of the *Rig Veda*. This nasty but moving tale goes back to antiquity to a "King Harishchandra". Later stories tell it differently.

This King Harishchandra married many wives but had the usual problem. There was no son to inherit the kingdom. He went to Devarishi Narada for counsel, and as advised, prayed to the ancient god Varuna. But he came out having made a dreadful bargain—a life for a life. Harishchandra would get his son but at some point he had to offer a human life in exchange to Varuna. Perhaps the god was testing him, in which case Harishchandra had spectacularly failed.

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Soon enough, Prince Rohitasva was born to gladden Raja Harishchandra's heart and the old bargain was conveniently forgotten. But when Rohitasva grew up, Varuna testily reminded the king of his promise just to see him run around; for under his goody-goody airs, Harishchandra was guilty of vanity, the "I'm such a decent person" kind that the gods seem to find particularly irritating.

Rohitasva wandered for six years looking for a victim. Harishchandra literally suffered agonies meanwhile for Varuna was not amused by these delaying tactics and inflicted the most hideous stomach-ache on Harishchandra as a fine for defaulting.

At last, Rohitasva stumbled across Ajigarta, a priest whose belly ached from the punishment of hunger. Ajigarta, for all his bloodline from the important old sage Angiras, had been kicked out of his settlement for malpractice. He had turned into a Vedic hillbilly, eking out a precarious existence in the woods with his wife and three sons, Shunapuchha, Shunashepa and Shunalangula. Ajigarta offered Rohitasva one of his sons for a hundred cows. However, he said he would not part with his eldest son whom he loved the best. Ajigarta's wife wailed that she would not part with her youngest son.

"My parents don't love me at all," thought Shunashepa, the middle son, deeply shocked. "What's the point of hanging on to life if nobody loves me, not even my mother?"

He stepped forward, his face burning with the shame of it. "You may have me as your sacrifice, Prince," he said.

Rohitasva took Shunashepa at once to the palace and Harishchandra decided to combine his sacrifice with the Rajasuya ceremony, which was his own anointment as 'King of Kings'. Four of the greatest sages of the age gathered to conduct the sacrifice—Vishwamitra, Jamadagni, Ayasya and Vasishta. But all four refused to bind Shunashepa to the *yupa* or sacrificial stake. Rohitasva had to bribe Ajigarta who had trailed along to see the fun with another hundred cows to do it.

At the appointed hour when the altars were up, Shunashepa was led to the sacrificial stake and bound firmly to it by his own father. The preliminary chants began, and as Harishchandra reached for the sharp blade with which to slit his throat, the force of feeling that consumes the unloved shook Shunashepa. Coached secretly by Vishwamitra, he sang *sloka* after *sloka*, verses of unearthly beauty praising Varuna. It was as though he gathered all the love that was denied to him and offered it to the god as a parting gesture from someone who was helpless and possessed of nothing but his soul force as a human being.

The assembled *rishis*, *rajas* and *praja* sat stone-still. Slowly, so slowly that it went unnoticed at first, the cords binding Shunashepa loosened and slid to the ground. Shunashepa had pulled the god's head down by the ear. He had made it clear to the great and the good that no life, however insignificant, was unworthy in the divine scheme.

With such strong stories to light our path, why are some of us still the mental slaves of prejudice?

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Adani and Vizhinjam

Apropos of *Vizhinjam protest: Adani Port seeks ₹78.7 cr damages* (Oct 9). Gautam Adani is worried about the total loss of ₹100 cr but never once bothered about the plight of so many families living in the area. It is unjust on the part of Adani and the Kerala government to speak of losses but not the trouble faced by the people.
S Kumar, Vizhinjam

BJP and Dalits

Apropos of the column, *Ambedkar, Tharoor and Dissidence* (Oct 9). Untouchability is an evil in India, just like racism in the West. The Indian National Congress only paid lip service to the downtrodden Dalits to secure votes. On the other hand, Narendra Modi took a cue from Dr. Ambedkar and helped Dalits by placing them in offices of power, offering social security, financial freedom, etc. No wonder the BJP is ruling the roost now.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Lack of respect

Apropos of *Teen beats up principal for questioning hairstyle* (Oct 9). This is terrible. Doesn't the principal have the authority to question students? A teacher must be respected. It says a lot about the next generation and the nation's future.
Frewin George, Channapatna

RaGa's 1000 sq km comment

Apropos of *Chinese army in India, PM Modi messed up big time: Rahul Gandhi* (Oct 9). Rahul Gandhi criticising PM Modi for allowing China to occupy more than 1000 sq km of India's land is just one of his many 'off the cuff' remarks. But not one Congress member wants to address how Nehru blindly trusted China, with it ultimately usurping around 43,000 sq km after the 1962 war.
R Kasthurirangan, Bengaluru

Remote-controlled or not?

Rahul Gandhi's denial to the allegation that non-Gandhi Congress presidents are remote-controlled, indicates the level of authority the family has. The only agenda of the family now is to ensure the fall of Tharoor, since he is not a devotee of the Gandhis. Other priorities, like the party's revival, are only secondary.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Real test of *yatra*

Apropos of *Big ideas, call for action missing from Bharat Jodo Yatra* (Oct 8). The editorial correctly brings out the differences between the JP movement and Rahul's Bharat Jodo Yatra. In short, the *yatra* is futile, and the real test of the walkathon is when it passes through the BJP-ruled states.
K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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Election Commission, Behind the scenes is the Government's submission. Upfront they call it the EC! Shame on Institutions who do Govt's bidding!

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80% Muslims enjoying OBC quota: Athawale

Union minister rejects criticism that newly-appointed Balakrishnan panel will delay SC status to converts

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A day after the Centre appointed a three-member commission to examine the issue of Scheduled Caste (SC) status for Dalit converts, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale denied allegations that setting up of the panel is a delaying tactic and said that the government will wait for the Commission to submit its report. Speaking to this newspaper, Athawale also said that 80 per cent of the Muslim Community belongs to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category and they avail reservation as per the recommendations of the Mandal Commission.

The Social Justice Ministry in a notification on Friday said that the commission will be headed by former CJI Justice K G Balakrishnan and it will have two more members — retired IAS officer Ravindra Jain and UGC member Sushma Yadav. The commission has to submit its report in two years. The ministry's move has invited criticism from groups of Dalit Christians and Muslims, who have been demanding the SC status for a long time. Many activists described the decision as politically motivated and called it discriminatory.

Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale speaks during a seminar on Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar and Constitutionalism

Responding to the allegations, the minister said that the previous Congress governments could have acceded to the long-standing demand of the communities and that they delayed it. "If the communities were demanding for a long time, why didn't the Congress party take a decision? PM Modi is here only for eight years while Congress was in power for many years. Now, they (Congress) are talking about Muslims and Christians," he said.

Athawale also pointed out that according to the Presidential orders, reservation benefits are available only to Dalit Hindus, Sikhs, and Buddhists. However, he said that 80 per cent of the Muslim community is listed under the OBC category and the Mandal Commission has given reservations to them. "In Mandal Commission's list, many Muslim castes are there and they are already getting the reservation. Mandal has given 27 per cent reservation to the OBC community," he said.

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> Ramdas Athawale, Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment

According to the ministry, the Balakrishnan Commission will examine the matter of "according Scheduled Caste status to new persons, who claim to have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes, but have converted to religions other than those mentioned in the Presidential Orders issued from time to time under Article 341 of the Constitution".

Athawale said that while Dalit Hindus were given the SC status in 1950, Sikhs were covered in 1956. In 1990, the V P Singh government accorded SC status to Buddhists after demands from the community.

Activists also point out that while the previous governments instituted several committees in this regard, no action was taken in this regard. The UPA government under Manmohan Singh set up the Ranganath Misra Commission in 2004 and the Rajinder Sachar Committee to examine the social, economic, and educational status of converted Muslims in 2005.

Though both the panels submitted reports in favour of giving SC status to the converts, it wasn't accepted by the Parliament.

However, Athawale says that earlier commissions haven't given any clear recommendation in this regard. "No revisions took place because of that. Now, the new committee will look into the issues revolving around it. Once the report comes, the government will review it," he said.

POWER GAMES

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Tottering Talks

SARMA SAVED NAGA TALKS; NO PACT ON FLAG, STATUTE

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma's personal intervention brought the government of India's talks with the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (Isak-Muivah) back on rails after the two sides almost reached a point of no return. Sources said the NSCN (IM) leadership had lost faith in the Union government's previous interlocutor R N Ravi for his alleged dilly-dallying on accepting some of the key elements of the 2015 framework agreement signed by him on behalf of the Union government and the NSCN (IM) leadership in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the then home minister Rajnath Singh. The 2015 document said that it is an agreement between 'two entities'. The NSCN (IM) leadership says that its flag and Constitution are two of the biggest elements establishing the Nagalim (Greater Nagaland) as a separate identity. NSCN (IM) leaders want a final agreement signed with the government of India recognizing the separate Naga flag and Constitution. Ravi did not move ahead on this demand of the NSCN. Instead, he started talking to Naga groups other than the NSCN (IM). This angered the NSCN (IM) and it shot off an angry letter to the Prime Minister expressing a lack of faith in Ravi. This is when Himanta intervened. Ravi was transferred as Governor of Tamil Nadu, and former special director of Intelligence Bureau A K Mishra was appointed as the new interlocutor. But the talks are still stuck on a separate Naga flag and a Constitution with no solution in sight.

Internal Report

CONG HELPING THAROOR TO KEEP KHARGE GROUNDED

The guidelines issued by Congress for the party president's election have raised many eyebrows in the party. The guidelines aim to provide a level playing field for the two presidential candidates — Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor. It says party office bearers across the country should not campaign for or against the two contesting candidates. It directs the state Congress units to provide equal support and facility to both candidates to help them meet the voters. The party has also informed all voters that they are free to elect any one of them, as per their choice. Congress leaders say this is the first time in their memory that such guidelines have been issued. They say all office bearers were inclined to openly support and campaign in favour of Kharge after it became clear that he is a candidate supported by the Gandhi family. But this has been disallowed. Congress leaders say the guidelines help Tharoor as he cannot be attacked by prominent leaders holding top party posts. They say the Gandhi family does not want a completely one-sided election in favour of Kharge. It would prefer a close contest to keep Kharge in control. Sources pointed out that prominent party leader Jitendra Prasad got 96 votes when he contested against Sonia Gandhi in the last presidential election. In the election before that, Sharad Pawar got about 800 votes and Rajesh Pilot got 300 against Sitaram Kesri. Tharoor overtaking Pawar, Prasad and Pilot would be a humbling experience for Kharge. The election guidelines are likely to help Tharoor improve the challenger's votes against the favourite. The election guidelines are part of the party's grand plan of keeping the Gandhis in pole position.

Media Wars

ADANI MAY TAKE CONTROL OF NDTV BY DECEMBER

The inevitability of NDTV's takeover by India's richest businessman Gautam Adani was signalled also by the TV channel's Magsaysay award-winning star anchor Ravish Kumar starting his own Youtube channel last week. Kumar has been one of the most vocal critics of the Narendra Modi government. The joke in media circles is that Adani, who is considered close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is buying NDTV only to silence Kumar. Adani group's media arm — AMG Media Networks Ltd — made a public announcement last month that it had acquired a 29.18 per cent stake in the TV channel. Adani's acquisition has enabled him to acquire another 26 per cent shares of the company making him the majority shareholder. The promoters of the TV channel have taken legal recourse against the takeover bid. Sources, however, say that Adani is likely to take control of NDTV by December this year. The staff has been sounded out about the impending management change. NDTV promoters Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy have reportedly started winding up as their attempt to thwart the takeover bid has been legally untenable.

We should do away with English, says Bahuguna Joshi

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RITA Bahuguna Joshi, the convenor of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language (CPOL), has said that English is not our mother tongue and Hindi and regional languages should be used as medium of instructions. "English is not our country's langauge. Our language is Hindi or regional languages. The National Education Policy is also designed in a way that promotes Hindi and supports regional languages. Medium of instruction should be Hindi or mother tongue, it is clearly documented in the policy," she said.

Joshi, the Prayagraj MP, further said that we should do away with English.

"I personally feel that it is a colonial mindset that we speak in English. We don't want to impose Hindi. Our view is that we can express in mother tongue better. We want other languages to grow; don't want other languages to suffer," said the MP. The report of CPOL states English should be the medium of instruction only where it is absolutely necessary and gradually English should be replaced with Hindi in those institutions.

Professor Kapil Kumar, historian and director, Centre for Freedom Struggle and Diaspora Studies, IGNOU, said the recommendations are a 'welcome' move as English is a colonial language. "It is the view of the noted educationists and physiologists, a child learns better in his mother tongue. I also feel that one should start with mother tongue but also learn Hindi as link language," he said.

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The CPOL, headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, has submitted its 11th report to President Droupadi Murmu last month.

The committee has also recommended that more than 50 per cent of the budget of government advertisements should continue to be allocated to Hindi ads. English as a medium of instruction should be retained only where it's absolutely necessary, and should gradually be replaced by Hindi, the report adds.

Kharge visits J&K, says prez poll for betterment of Cong

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

SENIOR Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday reached Srinagar in search of support from party delegates in Jammu and Kashmir to win the presidential poll slated for October 17.

He targeted the ruling BJP and said that noone knows how elections for president's post in BJP are held. He also asserted that his contest with Shashi Tharoor for the post of party president was for the betterment of the party and the country and if elected, he would implement Udaipur Declaration of the party

He held interaction with the Congress delegates and leaders in Srinagar and Jammu and put forth his point of view to seek party leader's support for the top post.

Terming the ongoing presidential election in Congress as an internal matter of the Congress, Kharge said his contest with Shashi Tharoor is for the betterment of the party and the country. "This contest is not about fighting but we are placing our points of view and trying to persuade each other. I will take everybody's advice and find solutions to issues and problems by discussing them with PCCs and others. It is a collective leadership," he said.

Taking a dig at the BJP, Kharge, former leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, said that the presidential elections in BJP are unheard of.

"So what right the saffron party has to raise questions about the country's grand old party Congress?," he asked.

"Congress is the largest democratic party in the country, where elections are held right from booth level to the AICC president. I have risen from the ranks from block president, DCC president PCC president, etc. I remained loyal to the party through thick and thin. In view of my long political experience in the party and government, I shall be able to further strengthen the party at all levels and do justice to the dedicated party workers," he said.

Kharge said that Congress' real fight is against the BJP and RSS, who are vitiating the political, democratic and social atmosphere in the country. He alleged that democratic institutions built by Congress in seven decades have been weakened and voices of dissent are being muzzled and crushed by the Modi government.

Cong leaders skip Tharoor campaign meet in Mumbai

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Congress leaders missed the meeting of the party delegates called by Shahsi Tharoor, candidate for the party president post. Though some young party leaders pledged their support for Tharoor.

Tharoor's chalenger Mallikarjun Kharge was also in Mumbai a day ago to meet the delegates. Interestingly, all senior Congress leaders, including Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole and Congress legislature party leader Balasaheb Thorat, were present for Kharge's meeting. The hall of Kharge meeting was overflowing with party leaders and workers. However, the same workers were absent at Tharoor meeting.

Reacting on thin turnout at his meeting, Tharoor said that he has no idea why senior Congress leaders are ignoring his candidature.

He said that when he met Congress interim president Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, they clearly told him that there is no Gandhi family backed candidature in the presidential election.

"Despite clarity over candidature, there is deliberate attempt to spread the misinformation about my candidature terming it as an non-official candidature. The wrong impression should not be created. However, I am confident to get many delegate votes in this election. Many people, who are unable to support me publically, phoned me and assured their support. There are many such people who are backing me in this election," Tharoor said.

Design thinking to be taught from Class 7 to 12

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

INDIA will be the first country to expand design thinking and innovation courses in schools, with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) all set to roll out books from class seven onwards.

While the design thinking and innovation course has already been introduced for students of Class VI in many schools this academic year as a skill development curriculum, the CBSE is now planning to launch books for classes 7 to 12. The elective course jointly developed by CBSE, the Innovation Cell of the Education Ministry and IIT-Bombay aims to provide students with the tools and exposure that help them address problems using the design thinking process.

Speaking with TNIE, Biswajit Saha, director of CBSE (Skill Education and Training), said that CBSE will launch the books soon.

Dr Abhay Jere, the Chief Innovation Officer of the Innovation Cell, Education Ministry, said, "This year, along with CBSE, we have already introduced a design thinking course from Class VI standard. India is the only country, as per the best of our knowledge, to have a design thinking elective module starting from Class 6 standard."

"Introducing design thinking at 6th standard is very, very unique. We will be rolling out the books on the topic for Class 7 onwards very soon. They are at the final stages of clearance," said Jere, who has been instrumental in introducing innovation-related initiatives in higher education institutions.

He said in India, many institutes are giving training in design thinking. Corporates are inviting design-thinking experts to help them ideate. International educational institutes like Harvard, MIT, and Stanford offer design thinking programmes, Jere told TNIE.

"Through this programme, we will be able to train a large number of youngsters, which will eventually help them move forward towards innovation and entrepreneurship," added Jere, who conceptualised the Smart India Hackathon initiative, claimed as the world's biggest open innovation model, which teaches the culture of product innovation and problem-solving among students.

The current module, which has been conceptualised, is at par with international

standards and has been designed and supported by IIT-Bombay. The skill module is an optional subject but will not be a criterion for passing.

Students will be awarded grades according to their achievement from — 'beginning', 'developing', 'promising', 'proficient' to 'excellent'.

'A promising beginning'

- Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will roll out books soon for Class 7 to 12
- The elective skill course, which will be optional, will explore student's sensory abilities, cognitive abilities and social abilities
- It will create awareness in the students through observation, discovery, analysis, experience, collaboration and reflection.
- It aims to nurture their curiosity and enhance their explorative abilities, foster creativity and innovation in students
- Identify problems and be able to find solutions by applying design thinking processes and methods to solve various problems
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India hosts SCO joint anti-terror drill to enhance operational capabilities

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE National Security Guard (NSG) is hosting the multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE), "Manesar Anti-Terror 2022", under the framework of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), at NSG Manesar Garrison. It is stage 2 of the exercise as, according to an official statement, "The Stage-1 of the Exercise was conducted from July 27 to August 1 by the National Counter Terrorist Forces of SCO Member Countries in their respective territories."

The NSG in its statement on Sunday said, "The exercise is aimed at exchanging expertise, best practices and build synergy between the Counter Terrorism Forces of the SCO RATS Member Countries to enhance capabilities for conducting Anti-Terrorist operations and countering other security threats collectively."

Stage-2 of the Exercise is being conducted from October 8 to October 13 at NSG Manesar Garrison, in which eight representatives from National Counter Terrorism Forces of Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Uzbekistan, Russian Federation and NSG of Republic of India are participating.

Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) one of the permanent organ of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation and has its headquarters in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The objective of the exercise is to provide a "platform to the participating member countries to enhance their operational capabilities and exchange experience in Combating Terrorism, Separatism and Extremism, which are common regional security challenges."

The objective of SCO RATS is to facilitate cooperation and coordination against Terrorism, Extremism and Separatism. India assumed the chairmanship of the Council of SCO RATS in Oct 2021. JATE is an annual Counter Terrorist Exercise held within the framework of the SCO RATS.

The SCO is an eight-member economic and security bloc that India and Pakistan joined as full-time members back in 2017. The founding members of this group include China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

10 BODIES FOUND

Ten more bodies of mountaineering trainees were brought to Uttarkashi on Sunday as search and rescue operations continued for the sixth consecutive day at the avalanche site near Draupadi Ka Danda-II peak

2 HELD FOR ATTEMPTING TO SELL TIGER SKIN

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	24	Mumbai	32	26
Bhopal	30	23	Panaji	29	25
Jaipur	31	33	Patna	33	24
Amritsar	32	20	Lucknow	30	23
Chennai	30	35	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	32	26	Imphal	29	20
Srinagar	27	09	Chandigarh	29	21

Illegal drug trade a big issue: Shah

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah at Kamakhya Devi Temple in Guwahati | TWITTER

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah has said drug smuggling is a national issue and efforts to deal with it should be unified and at the national level.

Speaking at a regional conference with the chief ministers, chief secretaries and directors general of police of the Northeast here on Saturday evening, he said drug consumption in the region is a serious problem.

He said the drug syndicates exploited bank accounts and postal addresses belonging to the Northeast. "People from Myanmar have bank accounts in some Indian banks in Manipur. Drug smugglers from the Northeast are also in collusion with Nigerians. Suspected involvement of South Indians living in the Northeast in drug smuggling has also been observed," Shah said.

He said drug trafficking is a borderless crime and hence, better coordination among all drug-enforcement and intelligence agencies was imperative to tackle the menace.

He said the Ministry of Home Affairs resolved to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a "drug-free India". He said the Centre adopted the policy of zero tolerance to thwart every attempt of drug traffickers and "organized mafia" to damage India's economy and national security.

About 40,000 kg of narcotic drugs were destroyed across the Northeast on Saturday as part of a special operation against drugs. The Union Home Minister said a target was set to destroy 75,000 kg of drugs during the period of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, but over 1.5 lakh kgs of drugs have been destroyed so far.

"The main objective of this regional conference organized in the Northeast is to put the seriousness of the Government of India towards this subject in front of the northeastern states. Also, we have to bring a synergy by bringing the states together in this fight and the agencies related to narcotics on one platform, giving a message at the national level that the country has made up its mind to go to the root of this problem and solve it," Shah said.

"We have to go beyond catching the faces like drug abusers and distributors involved in any seizure and try to nab the masterminds who send drugs from outside the border to India. Along with this, the spread of drug networks within the country will have to be demolished. Our prime focus should be on preventing network and cross-border smuggling," he added.

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Wives of dons likely to rule in Bihar bypolls

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

WOMEN candidates, especially wives of underworld dons, are set to hold sway in the by-elections due in Mokama and Gopalganj assembly seats in Bihar on November 3. While the Opposition BJP announced its candidates for both seats, the ruling grand alliance led by RJD is yet to declare its nominees for the election.

The BJP fielded Sonam Devi, wife of a bahubali (strongman) Lallan Singh from Mokama assembly seat. She will be pitted against Neelam Devi alias Neelam Singh, wife of sitting RJD MLA Anant Singh alias Chhote Sarkar. Though Neelam's candidature is yet to be announced officially, she has already started campaigning in the constituency after meeting RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav.

"It will be a clash between two bahubalis in Mokama this time. Both the candidates belong to the same upper caste Bhumihar. It will be interesting to see how authorities deal with two bahubalis known for their muscle power in the region," said Ram Avtar Singh, a resident of Moldiyar Tola in Mokama.

On Saturday, Lallan Singh resigned from chief minister Nitish Kumar's JD(U) and joined BJP in the hope that he would be fielded as saffron party's candidate from Mokama. However, some BJP leaders objected to his candidature at the state election committee meeting because of his criminal antecedents. Later his wife Sonam Devi's name was given clearance by the BJP's central election committee. Neelam had campaigned on behalf of her husband Anant Singh in the 2020 assembly election as the latter was in judicial custody.

In Gopalganj, BJP has fielded Kusum Devi, wife of sitting MLA Subhash Singh, who passed away after prolonged illness in August. BJP leaders are of the view that Kusum would get sympathy votes as her husband Subhash Singh had represented the seat for four consecutive terms. Sources in RJD said that the party is willing to contest both Mokama and Gopalganj seats in by-election.

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Congress uses poetry to attack BJP

Poetry has become a weapon for the Congress to attack the ruling BJP in Assam. Party's state president Bhupen Kumar Borah is leading the attack. Reciting a poem the other day, he claimed the BJP's development wave has been catastrophic for Assam. He hit out at the saffron party over issues including floods, alleged miseries of people under CM Himanta Biswa Sarma-led government, its huge spending on advertisement and helicopter rides. In its response, the BJP said Borah's poems had invariably evoked laughter among people. Minister Pijush Hazarika advised the state Congress chief to be a serious politician.w

Liquor flows during festive season

Liquor flowed during the Durga puja celebrations in Assam. Despite two dry days, its total sale on three days (October 1, 3 and 4) was ` 29 crore. Guwahati created a record of sorts. Liquor worth ` 17 crore was sold here alone. It was ` 6.75 crore on October 1, ` 5 crore on October 3 and ` 5.25 crore on October 4. There is no account of Guwahati residents buying liquor from shops at Jorabat in Meghalaya on the city outskirts where it is cheaper. During the festivity, the state recorded 643 incidents of road mishaps. Kamrup (Metro) district, of which Guwahati is the headquarters, topped the chart with 75 incidents of accidents.

Another feather in wildlife biologist's cap

Well-known wildlife biologist Purnima Devi Barman won the World Female Ranger Award 2022. It was conferred on her for her outstanding service and dedication to conservation. She was "humbled, honoured and thrilled" to have received the honour. Barman has dedicated her life to the conservation of endangered greater adjutant storks (locally called Hargila). She is the founder of the Hargila Army, an all-female conservation initiative. The conservationist is a recipient of a number of awards. Earlier, she received the Nari Shakti Puraskar (India's highest civilian award for women) among other awards.

Born on Janmashtami to slay Kans' descendants, says Kejriwal

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

ARVIND Kejriwal hit out at the BJP after posters surfaced in several Gujarat cities on Saturday, calling him "anti-Hindu."

"Those behind the posters were "demons and descendants of Kans (the tyrant ruler in Hindu mythology)," said Kejriwal. "I was born on Krishna Janmashtami, with a special task to finish off the descendants of Kans," said the AAP convenor and Delhi CM.

Kejriwal joined his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Mann at a rally in Gujarat's tribal-dominated Dharmpur and Surat City on Sunday, the second day of their visit to Gujarat.

"Yesterday (Oct 8), these people put up hoardings against me all over Gujarat and insulted God. Such people are the children of Kans. I was born on Krishna Janmashtami. My grandmother used to call me 'Krishna.' God has assigned me a special task to finish off Kans' descendants – criminals and the corrupt," said Kejriwal.

"Those who insult gods are called 'rakshas' (demons) and descendants of Kans). What would demons do in ancient times? They would enter any village, indulge in hooliganism, tease and rape women," said the AAP leader.

Calling himself a devotee of Hanuman, Kejriwal asked people: "Will you support me to complete the work of God, to finish the demons?" Attacking the BJP, Kejriwal said, "We must wipe out these demons for peace among people. We have to finish those corrupt goons, those who insult gods. Inflation has made life impossible. Prices of everything are rises while wages have failed to keep pace," he said.

Kejriwal claimed that many BJP leaders had met "secretly" asking him to help defeat the ruling BJP. "I would like to tell all BJP workers and leaders who want to defeat their party to work secretly for AAP," he said. "Everyone should unite for a new Gujarat. Do not care about the party, work for Gujarat and work for the country," he said, adding AAP will usher in a "new storm, new politics, new faces, new ideas, and new dawn."

Rahul flays attack on Gujarat Cong MLA

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has condemned the attack on Congress MLA and tribal leader Anant Patel, who recently led a protest against the Par Tapi Narmada river-linking project. "In Gujarat, the attack on our MLA Anant Patel...by the BJP is condemnable. This is the panic of the BJP government.

Every Congress worker will fight till the last breath for the rights of tribals," Rahul tweeted. The BJP, however, raised doubts about the attack, saying it should be probed whether it was a "stunt to gain sympathy." State BJP Chief CR Patil on Sunday denied any attack on the MLA. "He has created a drama to draw attention in the run-up to the polls," said Patil. "Anant Patel can see his defeat in the Assembly polls. He keeps raising such false issues," he has provoked tribals on the project which has already been scrapped," he added.

PANCHAYAT POLL

Centralised selection of 50k TMC candidates

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@ Kolkata

THE Trinamool Congress has decided to opt for a centralised selection of some 50,000 candidates for the panchayat elections slated to be held next year. Sources in the party said the district leadership would be asked to send at least three names for each seat in the three tiers—gram panchayat, panchayat samiti and zilla parishad—to Kolkata after the festive season.

The names will be cross-checked by the surveyors who will find out the fittest candidates. The decision of centralisation is said to be a brain child of TMC's national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee which indicates a firmer grip of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's nephew in organisational affairs.

The rural polls are said to be significant for the ruling TMC as it will help the party to gauge its grassroot electoral strength before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. "The party is desperate to recover its image damaged by corrupt panchayat functionaries. The move seems to be aimed at building up a clean image," said a TMC leader.

70 Union ministers to visit J&K as part of public outreach plan

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER Home Minister Amit Shah's power show in Rajouri and Baramulla, at least 70 union ministers will be visiting Jammu and Kashmir as part of the third phase of "Public Outreach Programme" of the central government from October 10 (Monday).

Sources said 70 union ministers would be visiting J&K from Monday. The ministers would be visiting all 20 districts of J&K (10 each in Kashmir and Jammu) in a phased manner to have on spot assessment of the developmental works being carried out in the Union Territory since the last three years and get public feedback. It is the third public outreach programme of union Ministers to J&K since scrapping of Articles 370 and 35A and bifurcation of J&K state into two Union Territories by centre on August 5, 2019.

The Outreach Programme will start with a visit by the Union Minister of State for Food Processing, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution and Rural Development Department. He will undertake a two day visit of Baramulla district in north Kashmir from October 10-12. Union MoS for Finance Pankaj Choudhary will visit south Kashmir's militancy-hit Shopian district from October 12-15.

Union MoS for Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh will be visiting border district of Rajouri from October 19-20, Union MoS for Minority Affairs John Barla will visit Ramban district from October 10-12, Union MoS for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and fisheries Sanjeev Kumar Balian will visit Shopian district from October 11-12; Union Minister for Commerce and Industries Anupriya Patel will visit Ganderbal district on October 12 -13; Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbanand Sonowal will visit Ganderbal district on October 27 and 28 while union minister Shantanu Thakur will visit border district of Samba.

Union MoS for Education Subash Sarkar will visit south Kashmir's Kulgam district on October 14 and 16.

Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman and Nitin Gadkari are also likely to visit J&K.

WILDLIFE WONDER

Cross-breed of dog and jackal spotted in U'khand

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

The cross-breed of dog and jackal is named 'Doja' | DIPANKAR KHULBE

AFTER Italy, where the first known discovery of crossbreeding between pet dogs and golden jackals was reported in 2015, one such case has been reported in the forests adjoining Haldwani in Nainital district. While wildlife photographer Dipankar Khulbe spotted the breed for the first time and captured it on camera, Dr G S Rawat, former director of the Wildlife Institute of India, endorsed that such cases have been reported in eastern Uttar Pradesh in the past.

This amazing animal is being seen by wildlife photographer Dipankar Khulbe as the origin of the cross breed of jackal and dog named "Doja". The jackal-dog hybrid is a canid hybrid that results from mating between the domestic dog and the golden jackal.

Padma Shri awardee Anoop Shah, who has done an in-depth research work in this field, has also confirmed that it is a rare breed spotted here after Italy in 2015. Nainital resident Padma Shri Shah told this newspaper, "In 2015, hunters brought the carcass of a jackal near Italy and conducted a post-mortem and found that it was a cross of dog and jackal". Shah termed it as a "rare occurrence" in his last 45 years of experience. "In India, it has been first seen a few years ago near eastern Uttar Pradesh and later near Haldwani," added Shah.

In MP, cardboard used to dress fractured leg at govt health centre

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

YET another shocking incident has exposed the real state of public health facilities in Madhya Pradesh. In Bhind district, the staff at a government health facility in the Rauna area reportedly used cardboard instead of a plaster cast to dress the fractured leg of an accident victim.

Sources said the cardboard support was put up due to the unavailability of plaster cast at the health facility. MP medical education minister Vishvas Sarang has announced a probe into the matter, whose video has gone viral.

However, the staff defended the process, saying it was done to support the fractured leg and stop bleeding.

Two men (both relatives) from UP's Jalaun district were injured in a road accident in the Mihona area of Bhind district on Saturday. One of them identified as Puran Singh Verma had fractured his leg. The two were rushed to the government health facility in Raun area of Bhind district.

The medical staff reportedly bandaged the fractured leg with cardboard instead of a plaster cast. The injured was then referred to the Bhind district hospital where the matter came to light.

This is not the first time that such a shocking episode has emerged from a government health facility in the state.

A month-and-a-half back, a shocking case of a woman's head wound being dressed with a condom wrapper allegedly at a government health centre was reported from Morena district of the state.

The shocking negligence came to light when doctors at the Morena District Hospital began changing the dressing of the woman's head injury on Friday. They were stunned to find that a condom wrapper had earlier been used to dress the same wound.

Probe ordered

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B'deshi cattle smuggler shot dead by BSF

CHANDAN NANDY & PRANAB MANDAL
@ New Delhi/Kolkata

AFTER a six-month lull, the BSF troops in the force's South Bengal Frontier opened fire on a group of Bangladeshi nationals, suspected to be a cattle smugglers, killing one person, in the Krishnaganj police station area of Nadia district in Bengal on Saturday night.

A Bangladeshi national was killed in firing by the BSF near Meghna border outpost (BOP) in Murshidabad in March this year.

According to BSF officials, the 32-year-old deceased, identified as Muntaz Hossain, was shot dead while trying to cross over to Bangladesh territory near border gate number 54 in the Krishnaganj area. "Hossain, along with 15-20 others, were trying to smuggle six cattles through the porous border in Nadia district and BSF personnel guarding the border spotted them. The personnel of the armed force first fired two rounds in the air asking the suspects to stop. But they continued running towards the border gate. While chasing, a BSF jawan was attacked by Hossain with a sharp weapon and injured him. In self-defence, the BSF had to open fire in which Hossain was shot dead. Others suspected cattle smugglers managed to sneak into Bangladesh," said a BSF official. Hossain was a resident of Chhoto Baldia village in Damurhuda sub-district in Chuadanga district of the Khulna Division.

The BSF later handed over Hossain's body to Krishnaganj police station and it was sent for post mortem at Shaktinagar hospital in Krishnagar. This was the first incident of killing of a Bangladeshi national in border firing in BSF's South Bengal Frontier region almost six months after the current Director General Pankaj Singh had ordered senior officers to be careful not to open fire.

ONE
dead, six injured in downtown Tampa bar shooting in Florida

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	18	3	TDS	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	18	7	HR
Dhaka	32	26	TDS	Moscow	11	1	HR
Dubai	35	26	SNY	New York	20	9	LC
Houston	31	20	SNY	Singapore	28	26	TDS
Istanbul	23	16	LC	Toronto	14	6	LC
London	16	5	LC	Washington	21	7	LC

NEW MOSCOW STRIKE KILLS 12, KYIV CALLS IT EVIL

The Russian missile attack in the city of Zaporizhzhia comes a day after an explosion on the Crimea Bridge

ZAPORIZHZHIA

A Russian missile barrage that crumbled apartment buildings and houses in Ukraine's city of Zaporizhzhia killed at least dozen people, Ukrainian officials said on Sunday as Moscow strained to enforce its takeover of illegally annexed territory.

The blasts that collapsed at least one high-rise residential building and blew out the windows of others came from six missiles launched in Russian-occupied areas of the Zaporizhzhia region, the Ukrainian air force said. The region is one of four Russia claimed as its own this month, but the regional capital remains under Ukrainian control.

In the immediate aftermath of the strikes, the city council said 17 were killed but later revised that down to 12. Regional police reported on Sunday afternoon that 13 had been killed and more than 60 wounded, at least 10 of whom were children.

The multiple strikes came after an explosion Saturday caused the partial collapse of a bridge linking the Crimean Peninsula with Russia.

Stunned residents watched from behind police tape as emergency crews tried to reach the upper floors of a building that took a direct hit.

Firefighters work at the scene of a residential building that was heavily damaged after a Russian attack in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine on Sunday | AP

The attack collapsed several floors.

In an adjacent apartment building, the barrage blew windows and doors out of their frames in a radius of hundreds of feet.

At least 20 private homes and 50 apartment buildings in all were damaged, and at least 40 people were hospitalised, city council Secretary Anatoily Kurtev said. Russian officials did not immediately comment on the strikes.

"Again, Zaporizhzhia. Again, merciless attacks on civilians, targeting residential buildings, in the middle of the night," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote in a Telegram post. "Absolute meanness. Absolute evil. ... From the one who gave this order, to everyone who carried out this order: they will answer. They must. Before the law and the people," he added.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia atomic energy plant is reconnected to the grid, the UN's nuclear watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency said on Sunday, describing it as "temporary relief in a still untenable situation". *AP*

Kyrgyzstan suddenly calls off Russian-led armed drill

BISHKEK

THE Central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan on Sunday unilaterally cancelled joint military drills between the six nations comprising the Russia-led Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), less than a day before they were due to start on its territory.

The Kyrgyz defense ministry did not specify the reason for cancelling the "Indestructible Brotherhood-2022" command and staff exercises, which were set to be held in the country's windswept eastern highlands from Monday to Friday.

According to earlier reports, the exercises were set to involve army personnel from CSTO members Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, and focus on securing ceasefires. Observers from five further states, including Serbia, Syria and Uzbekistan, had also been invited.

The move by Bishkek is the latest indication that tensions may be simmering within the alliance, formed in the early 1990s after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Last month, Armenia skipped a two-week drill held by the collective in Kazakhstan, after criticizing the bloc for failing to openly side with it after large-scale fighting erupted on its border with non-member Azerbaijan in September. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

CNN apologises for entering massacre site

CNN pulled a story on the massacre of Thai preschoolers and apologised on Sunday over criticism its journalists entered the day care where the children were slain and filmed the crime scene without permission.The two *CNN* journalists involved were fined after authorities found that they had been working in the country after entering on tourist visas, but cleared of wrongdoing for entering the day care centre, deputy national police chief Surachate Hakparn said. He said his investigation had determined the journalists believed they had obtained permission to enter and film after being waved into the building by a volunteer or a health officer. They each agreed to pay fines of $133 and leave the country, he said

Malaysia to lift ban on exports of chicken

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) on Sunday announced that its neighbouring nation Malaysia from October 11 will lift its temporary export ban on live chicken broilers. The agency in response to media questions said that it received 'official notification' from Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Services on the lifting of the ban. The SFA said, "We welcome the resumption of live chicken broiler imports and are seeking clarification on the details." The Malaysian government had earlier stopped the export of up to 3.6 million chickens from June 1 in its efforts to tackle the supply and prices for chicken in the nation. Singapore imports around 34% of its chicken supply from Malaysia, which is mostly brought in as live chickens

Britain's Prime Minister Liz Truss

DIWALI DEADLINE

Data localisation latest sticking point in free trade pact with Britain

LONDON

DATA localisation and UK firms being allowed to bid for Indian government contracts are among the issues causing a possible deadlock in the final stages of the India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations towards a Diwali draft completion deadline, as per a UK media report on Sunday.

The Daily Telegraph quoted a source close to the talks to say that data localisation rules that prevent foreign companies taking data out of India and allowing UK firms to bid for public sector contracts are two key 'sticking points' to a comprehensive deal.

The likelihood of a so-called 'thin' trade deal within the symbolic Diwali or October 24 deadline and further 'iterative' deals at a later stage is now looking like a likely outcome.

"The stumbling blocks are absolutely to do with digital. How ambitious and comprehensive this deal is in some way a function of time," the newspaper quoted an 'insider' as saying.

It follows UK Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch indicating earlier this week that just because there may be an FTA struck with India, it did not mean "we can't do even more later". The Department for International Trade (DIT) also reiterated the government stance that any FTA would be agreed only if it meets the UK's interests.

It follows a week of controversial interventions that cast a shadow over the prospect of a wide-ranging bilateral trade agreement, with UK Home Minister Suella Braverman expressing 'reservations' over India being offered 'open borders' visa concessions.

While India countered the minister's claims that a Migration and Mobility Partnership (MMP) between the two countries had not "worked very well" in tackling visa overstayers, strategic experts suggested that the wrangles may well end up in a diluted trade pact. *PTI*

Taiwan pushes for early FTA with India

India and Taiwan should finalise the proposed FTA at the earliest as it will remove all barriers to trade and investment and help create a secure and resilient supply chain, Taipei's de-facto Ambassador Baushuan Ger said. The envoy said Taiwan is willing to share its expertise with India in sectors like semiconductors, 5G and information security

Amid growing rebellion, UK PM's loyalists push for unity

LONDON

FOUR ministers in Liz Truss's government on Sunday urged Conservative colleagues to back the embattled UK PM following a week that exposed deep divisions within party.

Truss faces a growing Conservative rebellion over reported plans to weaken planning rules and environmental protections as part of her push to get the economy growing.

Despite the calls for unity, some Tory lawmakers are mulling ways to topple Truss who was elected by the party.

Interior minister Suella Braverman, former finance minister Nadhim Zahawi, Commons leader Penny Mordaunt and environment minister Ranil Jayawardena, all wrote articles for Sunday newspapers warning that they would soon find themselves in opposition unless the party united quickly.

Braverman wrote in *The Sun*, "Those working with Labour to undermine our prime minister are putting the Conservatives' chance of victory at the next election in real danger. So the choice for...party is simple—Back Liz or get (Labour leader) Keir Starmer, hand-in-hand with (Scottish National Party leader) Nicola Sturgeon."

Zahawi wrote in the *Mail* that government had made mistakes unrolling its fiscal policy, which led to climbdown over a plan to cut income tax rates for the top earners.

Fresh polling by Opinium for the Observer has put Truss's personal approval rating at minus 47. In a sign of her fallibility, cabinet ministers are reported to be joining forces to demand Truss rules out mooted plans to raise benefits in line with wages rather than inflation, *The Sunday Times* reported. *Agencies*

Scottish leader vows to take nation out of the UK

LONDON

THE leader of the Scottish government said on Sunday that she will push on with her campaign to take Scotland out of the UK, even if she loses a Supreme Court case seeking authorisation to call a new independence referendum.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon wants to hold a referendum in October 2023, but the Conservative UK government in London has said no. UK's top court is due to hear arguments starting Tuesday on whether Scotland's semi-autonomous administration can organise an independence vote without the London government's consent.

Sturgeon, who leads the Scottish National Party, said that if her government loses the court case, she will make the next UK national election a de facto plebiscite on ending Scotland's three-century-old union with England.

She did not give details of how that would work. A vote held without the approval of the UK government would not be legally binding.

Sturgeon said that if the courts blocked a referendum, "we put our case to people in an election or we give up on Scottish democracy."

"It should be a last resort," she said. "I don't want to be in that position. I want to have a lawful referendum."

Scotland and England have been politically united since 1707. Scotland has had its own parliament and government since 1999 and makes its own policies on public health, education and other matters. The UK-wide government in London controls matters such as defense and fiscal policy. *AP*

Iran state TV hacked, leader showed in crosshairs

PARIS

HACKERS supporting Iran's wave of women-led protests interrupted a state TV news broadcast with an image of gun-sight crosshairs and flames over an image of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in footage widely shared online on Sunday.

In other anti-regime messages, activists have spray-painted "Death to Khamenei" and "The Police are the Murderers of the People" on billboards in Tehran.

"The blood of our youths is on your hands," read an on-screen message that flashed up briefly during the TV broadcast Saturday evening, as street protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini, 22, again rocked Tehran and other cities.

"Police forces used tear gas to disperse the crowds in dozens of locations in Tehran," state news agency IRNA reported, adding that the demonstrators "chanted slogans and set fire to and damaged public property, including a police booth".

Image shows a part of a video superimposing crosshairs and flames on the face of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Sunday | AFP

"Join us and rise up," read another message in the TV hack claimed by the group Edalat-e Ali (Ali's Justice).

It also posted pictures of Amini and three other women killed in the crackdown that has claimed at least 95 lives according to Norway-based group Iran Human Rights.

Iran has been torn by the biggest wave of social unrest in almost three years, which has seen protesters including university students and even young schoolgirls chant "Woman, Life, Freedom".

In Amini's hometown Saqez, Kurdistan, schoolgirls chanted and marched down a street swinging their hijab headscarves in the air, in videos the Hengaw rights group said were recorded on Saturday.

Gruesome footage has emerged from the state's often bloody response, spread online despite widespread internet outages and blocks on all the major social media platforms.

In the face of the violence and the online restrictions, protesters have adopted new tactics to spread their message of resistance in public spaces.

"We are not afraid anymore. We will fight," read one large banner. *AFP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client is intending to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner viz., **Mr.G. Siddalingaswamy** S/o Mr.Gogga Sarabhiah. If any person/s or entitles have any right, title interest or claim over the Schedule property or any objection to the proposed sale transaction, the same may be sent/lodged to the undersigned with documentary proof/evidence within 7 (seven) days from the date of this Public Notice. If any objections are not received my client will proceed further to complete the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule property and no claims are entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing No.N-16, having an area of 4,000 Square Feet in **"EAGLETON – THE GOLF VILLAGE"** and bearing Khatha No.411/N-16/356 situated in various Survey Numbers of Shyanamangala Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, formed and developed by the M/s Chamunde swari Build Tech Pvt Ltd., and bounded on;

East by : Site No.N-17;
West by : Site No.N-15;
North by : Road;
South by : Site No.N-23/2:

This piece of land comes under the perview of Manchanayakanahalli Village Panchayath.

M. Mohan Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate,
No.14, Sirur Park Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020. Ph: 9845379955.
Place: Bangalore. Date: 08.10.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my clients Sri.H.S. Narayanaswamy S/o. Late.H.A.Shamanna Reddy and family members, who have entered into an Joint Development Agreement dated.11-12-2014. (Registered as Document No.HLS-1-04341-2014-15. BookNo.1. Stored in CD No.HLSD-109) Registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Halasoor Bangalore) with M/s Aashrayaa Homes, A Partnership firm Having its office at No.4, 3rd Floor, 9th Main, 13th Cross, 6th Sector, H.S.R.Lay- Out, Bangalore rep.by its Maneging Partner Sri.Rajagopal Desu, for development of land in Sy No 51/1measuring 3 acres 31 Guntas of Hado Siddapura, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, in furtherance of which also executed an General Power of Attorney dated 11-4-2014(Registered as Document No.HLS-4-00471-2014-15. BookNo.4. Stored in CD No.HLSD-109) Registered at the office of the Sub-registrar, Halasoor Bangalore) for proposed implementation of project in its favour, in view of failure on the part of the said developer in proceeding with the development Project despite lapse of more than 8 years, have duly cancelled the said JDA and also revoked the GPA executed in furtherance of the said contract vide Legal Notice dated 23-8 2022 sent through RPAD, E-mail, WhatsApp and by delivering hard copy of the at office of the addressee ,which notice was duly served on the said Developer.

That in view of termination /cancellation of aforesaid JDA dated dated.11-12-2014, and of revocation of GPA by my Clients, said JDA and GPA are of no any consequences and the Developer was divested of the powers delegated.

The General Public are hereby cautioned not to enter into any transaction of whatsoever nature, with the said M/s Aashrayaa Homes in respect of the Schedule Property either in its entirety or of any portion/share, as such transaction would be of no any consequences and would not convey any sort of right or interest. Despite this, if any person/s happen to enter into any transaction, whatsoever, in respect of the above said property with the above said Developer or their agents or anybody else, they would be doing so at their own costs, consequences & risk. Hence this Public Notice.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land bearing Survey No.51/1, Measuring 3 Acres 31 Guntas, Situated at Hadosidhapura Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Carmealarm Post, Bangalore, vide (Conversion Order No: ALN (EVH)SR:89/2014-15 dated:15-10-2014) and bounded as follows, On the

East by : Land bearing Sy No.51/2,
West by : Village Boundary of Chikkanelli,
North by : Road and Land bearing Sy No.51/2,
South by : Land bearing Sy No.49 and Private Land.

H.K.VENU, Advocate
No.25, First FLOOR, HH& HMS COMPLEX Behind Ulsoor gate PS, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560 001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby notified that my client intends to purchase immovable residential Site bearing No. 7 bearing Khata No. 77/76/7/33/3 in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No. 120-Jnanabharathi (old CMC Khata Sl. No. 76, Property No. 7/33/3) measuring East to West 40 Ft., and North to South 30 Ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq., Ft., (Said Site) together with building constructed thereon admeasuring 900 Sq., Ft., situated at Malathahalli Village, Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,, (hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property) from Mrs. NAGARATHNA, daughter of Mr. Nanjundashetty and H. C. Nagamani, wife of Mr. Renukaradhya, residing at No. 7, 1st Main, 6th Cross, Mallathahalli, Bangalore South, Karnataka – 560 056 and Mrs. H. N. CHANDRIKA, @ CHANDRIKA H N, daughter of Mr. Nanjundashetty and H. C. Nagamani, wife of Mr. Chidananda Murthy, residing at No. 615, 3rd Main, 4th Cross, BEML 5th Stage, 2nd Phase, Bangalore South, Karnataka – 560 098 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Owners"), who have jointly and severally represented that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property having acquired the same through Will dated 28th March 2014 executed by their mother, Mrs. H. C. Nagamani, registered as Document No. NGB-3-00179-2013-14 of Book 3 and stored in CD No. NGBD261 in the office of the Sub Registrar, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore and the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, charge, lien, litigations and/or any third party rights/claims of any nature whatsoever.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm and institution has/have any claims of right, title, interest, in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within 10 (Ten) days from the date of this Notice, failing which, it shall be construed that the aforesaid Owners have a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever; and my Client would proceed to enter into and complete the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property. Any objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the said period, shall neither be entertained nor be binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing No. 7 bearing Khata No. 77/76/7/33/3 in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Ward No. 120-Jnanabharathi (old CMC Khata Sl. No. 76, Property No. 7/33/3) measuring East to West 40 Ft., and North to South 30 Ft., totally measuring 1200 Sq., Ft., (Said Site) together with building constructed thereon admeasuring 900 Sq., Ft., situated at Malathahalli Village, Yeswanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, together with all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto:

East by : Property of Cheluvaraju;
West by : 20 Ft., Road;
North by : Site No. 8; and
South by : Site No. 6.

Place : Bangalore Date : 10/10/2022

APPROVED BY OWNERS

Mrs. Kiran F Vora & Sandeep Lahiri
Advocates
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Off: 080 2346 9499

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that, my Clients are intending to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its present owner viz., **Sri ARUN KUMAR BOLANGADY,** S/o late Umesh Rao Bolangady. If any person/s or entities have any right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule Property or objections to the proposed sale transaction in favour of my Clients, the same may be sent/lodged to the undersigned with documentary proof/evidence within 10 (Ten) days from the date of this Public Notice. If no objections are received within the said period, my Client will proceed further to complete the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property and No claims are entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential Site bearing Bangalore Development Authority No.2623, later No.2623/9, New Municipal No.9, PID No.9-80-9, 11th Main, 'E' Block, 2nd Stage, (Subramanyanagar), Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010, Bangalore Bruhat Mahanagara Palike Ward No.66, Subramanyanagar, measuring East to West 50+48+2 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all 1,470 Square Feet and bounded on;

East by : Site No.2640;
West by: Road;
North by: Site No.2624;
South by: Site No.2622.

Navya Rao
Advocate,
No.14, Sirur Park Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020,
Mobile: 99845284248.
Place: Bengaluru Date: 08.10.2022

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PROVISION OF INTERLOCKED LC GATES IN ANAND - GODHRA DOUBLING WORK

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Const) Vadodara, invites open tenders in sealed cover in the prescribed form as per details given below: **Tender No.:S&T/C/BRC/117-R2/2022-23Sig, Name of the work with its location: Provision of interlocked LC gates in Anand - Godhra doubling work in section Anand to Tashara and removal/shifting of infringement of LC gates, Location boxes, signal and cable for doubling work of Vadodara Division, Western Railway, Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 75426161.26** (Seven Crores Fifty-Four Lacs Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty-One Rupees and Twenty-Six paisa Only), **Earnest Money to be deposit: Rs.527100/-,** (Five lacs Twenty-Seven Thousand and One Hundred Only). **Completion Period:** 15(Fifteen) Months., **Date & time for submission of e-tender and opening of e-tender :** Submission is dt. **31.10.2022** upto **15.00 hrs.** and date of opening is dt. **31.10.2022** at **15.30 hrs. Website particulars and notice for location where complete details can be seen etc. :** http://www.ireps.gov.in Deputy Chief Signal & Telcom Engineer (Construction), II nd Floor, Annex Bldg, DRM Office, Pratapnagar, Western Railway, Vadodara -390004. 0509

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public, Financial institutions, Banks, that my clients **Smt.V.Anuradha & Sri Shreyas Rajagopal** are negotiating with **Sri Srinivas Shetty S/o Sri Gaviyappa** for purchase of agricultural lands bearing **No.259/5B, Sy.No.259/2, Sy.No.259/5C & Sy.No.259/5A of Avaremala Village,** morefully set out hereunder in the schedule, from its present owner, he having acquired the same vide sale deed dated 15-03-2021, registered as Doc. No. **KNK-1-12250/2020-21,** Book No.-1, Stored in CD No.KNKD1095 executed by **Shivakumar A.** S/o Sri Annaiah; **and Doc.No.KNK-1-12419/2020-21,** Book No.-1, Stored in CD No.KNKD1097, executed by **Sri Venkatappa S/o Nanjaiah & others,** they claim to have purchased the lands. The Vendor has represented that he has a clear and marketable title to and is free from all types of encumbrances and claims etc.

Any person/ persons, firms, Banks, financial institutions asserting any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Seven days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients will proceed to complete the Sale transactions with the owner subject to legal formalities. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.259/5B, totally measuring 0.12 (Twelve Guntas), situated at Avaremala Village, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District And bounded on the EAST BY : Land in Sy.No.259, WEST BY : Road, NORTH BY: Land inSy.No.259/2, SOUTH BY: Land inSy.No.259/5A

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.259/2, totally measuring 0.19 (Nineteen Guntas), situated at Avaremala Village, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District And bounded on the EAST BY : Lands in Sy.No.259, WEST BY: Government Road, NORTH BY: Land inSy.No.259/1 and SOUTH BY: Land in Sy.No.259/5C

Item No.3: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.259/5C, totally measuring 0.06 (Six Guntas), situated at Avaremala Village, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District And bounded on the EAST BY: Lands in Sy.No.259, WEST BY: Land belong to A.Shivakumar, NORTH BY:Land inSy.No.259/2, and SOUTH BY : Land inSy.No.259/5B

Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing Survey No.259/5A, totally measuring 0.10 (Ten Guntas), situated at Avaremala Village, Maralawadi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District And bounded on the EAST BY : Lands in Sy.No.259, WEST BY: Government Road, NORTH BY: Land belongs to Narasimhaiah and SOUTH BY : Land inSy.No.259/5B

V.SHANKAR
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Bangalore :
Date: 09-10-2022

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues(Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. Renukadevi LW Mr.S Manjunatha (Prospect No 911271)	All that piece and parcel of: Survey no21/P3new87, ,, Plot No-18, Admeasuring 1050 Sq. Ft. Palanjogihalli Village ,Kasaba Hobli, Dodabolapura,, Near Indian Petrol Pump , Bangalore, 561208, Karnataka, India. Bounded By:On the North: Site No. 17, On the South: Road, On the East: Site No. 18-Empty Site, On the West: Road.	**Rs.11,17,386/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Six Only)	**24 - Mar - 2022**	**04-Oct-2022**

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru-560025** or **Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore Rural, Date: 10-10-2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

$2.8 bn has been invested by private equity investment in real estate during April-September period of this fiscal

Planning to buy health insurance plan? The devil is in details

If you want to avoid post-hospitalisation trauma, read all the limits and caps set by the Mediclaim policy as they become key in final settlement of hospital bills

MONIKA YADAV

SETTLING your hospital bills against your insurance claim can give you headaches for many days. Most of the health insurance policy holders are not fully aware about the terms and conditions of the insurance companies and later feel cheated.

So it's critical to get your doubts fully answered before you lay your hands on a particular policy. In addition, according to experts, medical costs are increasing because of insurance.

"Hospitals tend to charge more when they get to know that the patients have medical insurance. So, many entities like the Health Ministry, insurance regulator, Indian Medical Association (IMA) need to pitch in to streamline the whole insurance settlement process," one of the experts who didn't want to be quoted told TNIE.

During Covid pandemic, even basic medicine prices were raised. So, the fair practices are not followed by the healthcare industry and then the whole blame on the insurance industry is put, according to the experts.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has ordered an investigation into allegations that some big hospital chains are abusing their dominance and overcharging patients for the rooms and medical equipment.

Limits of health insurance plans

Buying a health insurance plan does not mean all your healthcare expenses would be taken care of. There are different limits and caps under a health policy, and people would do well to know about them in advance.

"In most cases, people are not aware about the different components of the medical expenses covered in their policy. They randomly choose a policy thinking that all their medical expenses will be taken care of," said one of the experts.

"Lack of standardisation, be it in treatment protocols or application of standard industry coding, results in a fair degree of arbitrary line of treatment to maximise profits. Payers scrutinise these health claims for wastage and other anomalies, thus denying or adjusting claims," he added.

Also, people should be aware that just having a policy with higher sum assured doesn't mean that their bills will be settled up to that limit. They must know the cap on the room rent that is one of the most important deciding factors in the final settlement of their hospital bills.

"Choosing health insurance plans that suit the specific requirements of an individual/family is of prime importance. There are various product offerings that a consumer can opt for based on parameters ranging from PED waiting period, specific benefits like unlimited automatic recharge of sum insured, annual health checkups, air ambulance cover, maternity cover, OPD cover, among many more," Ajay Shah, Director- Head of Retail Business, Care Health Insurance said.

All this, in addition to getting cashless treatment in case of hospitalisation and coverage for pre and post hospitalisation expenses," Shah added.

One insurance expert says that people should opt for that policy which does not have any limit on room rent.

"It's always better to pay a higher premium for a policy with no such limits than going for one that comes cheaper with a sub-limit," one of the insurance experts said.

Know your healthcare expenses

Experts say that consumers should question as their health and life are at stake. They have the full right to know what and why their doctors recommend. High cost does not mean better treatment or doctor, they argue.

"Doctors recommend expensive stents, drugs etc. because they are incentivised. Consumers should be aware of all riders and the fine print of their health policy, if insured," an expert stated.

Experts give examples of introduction of a few drugs – very high doses of antibiotics, etc – for treatment of diseases, which have not been proved based on evidence that they cure the disease more effectively than a lower dose of the same drug.

Industry insiders also cite examples of robotics surgeries which cost three times more than the laparoscopic surgery without offering additional clinical advantage for cancerous fibroid removal of the uterus.

Unlike India, in countries like the UK, there are independent bodies which evaluate every new test, every new procedure, etc from a health economic perspective. Here, no one knows whether the new equipment is as good as the existing one.

Experts also point to a new practice of hospitals adding new line items in hospital bills. "I have certain bills from some hospitals where I observed that patients who underwent angioplasty for stenting, these hospitals started charging a separate line item called stent implanting charges. But stenting itself means putting the stent to the coronary artery, then why this additional charge," one of the experts questioned.

"Such innovative practices by hospitals lead to higher scrutiny of health insurance claims, which if not done would become a practice," he said.

If you do not want to get a shock at the time of getting discharged from hospital, it is very necessary for you to understand both the limits of your health policy and the cost of health expenses.

LIMITS/CAPS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES

- Room rent, boarding and nursing expenses are usually covered up to 2% of the sum assured
- If opted for a room that exceeds limit set by the health policy, other expenses go up in proportion
- Medical expenses incurred for a condition that needs hospitalisation are covered under the policy up to 30 days prior to hospitalisation
- Some medical procedures like cataract are not fully covered by health insurance policies. Such treatments are subject to sub-limits
- ICU expenses are covered up to 5% of the sum assured
- Post-hospitalisation expenses are covered by the policy up to a maximum 60 days from the date of discharge from hospital

Direct tax collections up 24% in first six months

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DIRECT tax collections continue to show robust growth driven by sharp pick-up in personal income tax.

Gross collections of direct taxes – which include corporate taxes and personal income taxes – showed a 23.8% year-on-year jump to ₹8.98 lakh crore in the current financial year till 8 October 2022.

After deducting the refunds, the net direct tax collection for the government in the current financial year (till 8 October) has been ₹7.45 lakh crore, a statement by the Central Board of Direct Taxes said on Sunday.

Personal income taxes saw 32.3% increase in gross terms and 16.25% increase in net revenue collection. The growth rate for corporate taxes was 16.73% in gross terms and 16.29% in net revenue terms.

"Refunds amounting to ₹1.53 lakh crore has been issued during the period 1st April 2022 to 8th October 2022, which are 81.0% higher than refunds issued during the same period in the preceding year," said CBDT.

The government has budgeted for ₹14.2 lakh crore total direct tax collections in the current financial year.

WHY THE FUTURE OF MONEY IS DISRUPTIVE

RAJAS KELKAR

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

DIGITAL transformation in finance is not just a buzzword. It is real. First, you learnt to make electronic fund transfers through online banking. Then came digital wallets and mobile banking transactions. You are now a pro in paying people using a QR Code or a mere phone number through the Unified Payment Interface (UPI).

The term 'change' ironically has changed forever. You no longer have to run around to exchange high-value currency notes into smaller denominations. Your local vegetable and fruit seller accept money on the phone.

Despite the digital revolution sweeping the money market, the RBI has sleepless nights about how people use money. "India has a unique case where the cash in the economy has shot up despite rapid digitisation in the payments space," said a new concept note of the RBI on central bank digital currency or CBDC released last week.

"The growing use of an electronic payment medium has not yet resulted in a reduction in the demand for cash," it observed. An RBI survey in six cities before the COVID-19 pandemic revealed that people preferred cash for small denomination payments.

The argument is that there is anonymity or privacy about cash transactions. Financial inclusion is a rapidly expanding theme in Indian finance. The dramatic surge in the use of smartphones for all financial transactions, from investment to money transfer to insurance, shows the convenience of use.

The banking system is a core enabler in the mobile money transfer ecosystem. There is a cost associated with maintaining the ecosystem. At the same time, you want financial inclusion to reach out to those who do not own smartphones or have access to the internet.

A CBDC could be one way to expand its reach by creating another cash alternative. The 'e₹' will provide an additional option to the currently available forms of money. RBI argues in the note that it is similar to banknotes, but digital is likely to be easier, faster and cheaper.

"It also has all the transactional benefits of other forms of digital money," the RBI report says. The other aspect is that digital currency is expected to clamp down on misuses like money laundering, counterfeiting, terrorism financing and other things.

Another critical factor is the cost of printing and managing the currency. The government spent ₹4,984 crore in 2021-22 on the security printing of currency notes.

That does not include the damage caused by using high-quality paper and the risk borne by you, businesses, banks and the RBI. A digital currency will eliminate the cost of printing, storage, transportation, replacement and the other cost associated with delays in reconciliation and settlement over the long term.

Cryptocurrencies triggered an intense debate among governments and central bankers as many people began trading or holding them. The total value of crypto assets is over $3 trillion, as much as India's GDP. While crypto assets have anonymity and no regulation, the resistance shown by governments to freely allow their conversion into local currencies could hamper their use in the future.

A digital currency backed by the government can be an alternative to crypto assets. It could lead to innovation in token-based ownership of assets. With a digital rupee, you could pay for a slice of the most expensive painting in the world or own a piece of land or property in a high-value real estate market.

A paper by the International Monetary Fund IMF also highlights a few downsides to digital currencies.

While central banks and governments could continue to hold sway by issuing digital currency, they could lose control over their ability to tackle inflation by manipulating interest rates.

It is anticipated that people will own digital currency instead of putting money in bank deposits. That would trigger competition to attract more deposits among banks. They would hike interest rates without any need to do so from a monetary policy standpoint. That could destabilise credit markets. If approved and implemented, a digital currency will create a revolution in ways we cannot imagine today.

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MONEY-WISE

WHAT SHOULD YOU CHOOSE THIS DIWALI?

HERE is a list of shares (Check the table) to buy with current price and target price.

Of course, there is a catch. These were recommended by a big brokerage house two years ago. Go and check which one and how has been their performance.

If you really want good tips of what to buy, look at the Diwali picks of big brokers for 2018, 2019 and 2020.

See if it has worked. See what would have happened if you had created an equal weight portfolio based on their advice.

If you feel confident copy it.

Buying Hdfc bank, Procter & Gamble, Asian paints and Titan today may be good or bad, but remember such awesome growth may not happen for the next 10 years. Well, I am not sure, but I am happy to sell both at least partially.

If you have bought it at par and enjoyed some amazing secular bull run, you should not need an excuse to sell. There could be some shares that you have bought that may have done nothing. After you sell, it may have gone up 3x your buying price. This could be sector rotation. Be careful of such moves. It is not easy, and if you are new, it could take a toll on your health.

If you are willing to learn how to invest – and not get carried away by such catchy headlines (aka click baits), you are on the right path.

Investing is a difficult process – however, it can be learnt with some effort. No, it is not easy. It involves some reading, preferably some working in a brokerage (or research) company, and interacting with the people on the ground is very useful. However, not all of us can afford to take that route.

If you are willing to learn to read balance sheets, calculate ratios and learn enough about Macros, you can start investing with small amounts of money.

However, the grit and temperament to deal in the markets – as an investor or as a trader is not something that an external person can teach you. Experience and Grit have to be learnt by the investor himself. No, that is not easy either. We have to now conquer biases – like herd mentality, recency bias, confirmation bias, sunk cost fallacy, availability of information bias, etc.

However, there are books on behavioural finance – do read them, and also understand that "behavioural finance tells you that people do not learn behavioural finance from books".

You see the challenges in learning about direct investing in equities?

Investing in Index funds is a much easier option.

This Diwali, do an honest internal audit of yourself and see whether you are cut out for direct investments or for Indexing.

NAME OF THE SHARE	CURRENT PRICE	TP
Century	277	390
Apollo Tyres	240	360
Tata Steel	700	1,050
IDFC	65	110
Grasim	1147	1,450

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MARKET AHEAD

Domestic data, earnings to guide markets

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

INDIA'S equity market ended a 3-week long losing streak last week and gained nearly one and a half percent amid mixed cues. The benchmark indices-Sensex and Nifty- shed over 1% points on Monday (October 3) but made gains of over 2% on Tuesday (October 4) before closing the Friday session on a flat note when Rupee fell over 82-level against the US Dollar for the first time. The previous week was almost entirely dominated by future developments related to US Federal Reserve rate hikes.

While global developments, especially movement in the US market and Fed's commentary on rate hikes, would continue to have a major say in this week, investors would keenly watch domestic developments as well. The three big IT firms -Infosys, Wipro and TCS- will begin the earning season by reporting their Q2FY23 numbers.

The week is heavily loaded with macroeconomic data such as Index of industrial production (IIP), Consumer price index (CPI) and Wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation for the month of September.

Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking, said, "In the coming week, participants will be eyeing important macroeconomic data viz. IIP, CPI and WPI for cues. Besides, the week also marks the beginning of the earnings season with IT majors like TCS, Infosys, HCL Tech and Wipro announcing their numbers along with two other heavyweights i.e. Bajaj Auto and HDFC Bank during the week. Amid all, the performance of US markets, FIIs trend, and movement in currency and crude will also remain on their radar."

According to Mishra, the recovery in the global indices, especially the US, has triggered the recent rebound but the lack of sustainability in the move is causing excessive volatility.

"However, we feel domestic factors like earnings and macroeconomic data may take the front seat and dictate the trend ahead. On the benchmark front, the 16,800-17,100 zone would act as a cushion in Nifty while a rebound towards the 17,580-17,900 zone may attract profit taking again," he added.

Nifty and Sensex, closed at 17,314.6 and 58,191, respectively, on Friday. Among the key sectoral indices, recovery in the IT majors combined with buying in the banking majors played a crucial role.

Apurva Sheth, Head of Market Perspectives, Samco Securities, said that the upcoming week is going to be a roller-coaster ride as a host of important events are slated to release.

Sheth said that markets across the globe will be dominated by the federal open market committee's (FOMC) minutes that will be released next week.

"While global investors will be keenly monitoring inflation figures in the United States and China, Indian CPI print will be a key domestic factor to monitor. Further, the Indian IT companies will kick start the quarterly result season. Stock-specific swings will be evident, and when investors respond to earnings misses and beats, they should consider the company's long-term prospects rather than focusing exclusively on quarterly results," added Sheth.

Joseph Thomas, Head of Research, Emkay Wealth Management said that what has been impacting the markets most is the aggressive stance of the Fed which might expose the US economy to a full-fledged economic slowdown.

"Such an event may have consequences for the whole world. The geopolitical tensions which are mainly from Eastern Europe and the decision of OPEC to cut production and supply also challenged the markets. These factors will continue to hold their sway in the coming weeks too."

EXPRESS READ

Omega Seiki looks to raise up to $75 million

Mumbai: Electric vehicles maker Omega Seiki is looking to raise $50-75 million capital in Series A funding round for new products, R&D for truck segment and critical components manufacturing, among others,reports PTI. Omega Seiki Mobility (OSM) is tapping investors who take a long-term view of the business to mop up these funds, which are expected to be in place by early next year.

Cheque bounce cases: Finmin mulls auto debiting other accounts of issuer

PTI @ New Delhi

THE finance ministry is mulling several steps like dipping into other accounts of a cheque issuer and prohibition of opening of new accounts of offenders to effectively deal with cheque bounce cases which are clogging the legal system.

Many suggestions were made at a high-level meeting recently called by the ministry to deal with the high incidence of cheque bounce cases.

Some of the steps suggested before taking legal recourse included debiting another accounts of the cheque issuer if his or her account is short of funds to honour the instrument, sources said.

The other suggestions were treating cheque bounce as default of loan and thus reporting it to credit information companies for necessary downgrade of score, the sources said, adding a proper legal view would be taken before these suggestions are accepted. If these suggestions are implemented, it would help enforce cheque honouring by the payer without the matter going to court and also compel him/her to make payment by creating a deterrent through technology.

These measures would help promote ease of doing business and dissuade people from wilfully indulging in issuance of cheques even though their accounts have insufficient funds.

Djokovic takes 90th career title with Astana victory

Novak Djokovic claimed the 90th title of his career and the fourth of 2022 with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas in the ATP final in Astana on Sunday. It was the ninth consecutive match victory for the fourth seed, who guaranteed himself a spot at the 2022 ATP Finals as a result of the win.

HIT & MISS FOR UNIQUE ASPIRANT PRAGNYA

Wins triathlon gold, but forced to skip cycling event after venue change

FIROZ MIRZA @Gandhinagar

AS the 2022 National Games were approaching, Pragnya Mohan of Gujarat was eyeing a rare feat of finishing on podium at two different sports — triathlon and individual time trial (road cycling). While it's usual for swimmers to compete in different races and win a bagful of medals, it's not common for other athletes to participate in two different sports and also finish in top-three.

Pragnya, however, faced a setback as her pet event was pushed back from September 30 to October 9 due to a change in venue. The venue was shifted from Sabarmati Riverfront to IIT Gandhinagar as the water was found unfit for swimming. The new date clashed with the individual time trial (ITT) cycling race forcing the 27-year-old Gujarat athlete to prefer triathlon over ITT. Both events were held 10km apart on Sunday morning with Pragnya skipping ITT.

A clear favourite, Pragnya, who finished 10th in the last edition in 2015, won gold with a time difference of 5 minutes 38 seconds against Maharashtra's Mansi Mohite. Aarthi S of Tamil Nadu finished third to bag bronze. Pragnya's timing was 1:07.32, including time taken by her during two transition periods after first and second events. Trailing by 24 seconds after the 750m swimming event, Pragnya made up for it in cycling (20km) by clocking 33.34 minutes against Mansi's 37.21 minutes. She widened the gap further in 5km running by clocking 20.12 minutes against Mansi's 22.21 minutes to complete the event even when other competitors were entering the fourth and last lap.

"She finished second behind Monika Jat in selection trials

Pragnya Mohan

for the Asian Cycling Championships in ITT in March this year. So yes, she was a favourite to finish on the podium at the National Games. Unfortunately, the change of venue and date meant she could only participate in one event as both the competitions were scheduled on the same day," Prateek Mohan, Pragnya's brother, told this daily. Prateek is a former state champion in chess.

Pragyna started her sporting career as a swimmer and used to compete in breaststroke events and individual medley. However, her best finish in age-group national level swimming was fourth forcing the family members to think about a switch. While training as a swimmer, she used to pedal her way to the Academy, which was 10km from her home, everyday. Besides, she has always been a good runner since school days. Given her prowess in three events, it was decided that she will pursue triathlon.

The switch finally happened in 2013 when she competed and won first prize of Rs 1 lakh in 50km cycle race at Sabarmati Cyclothon. Encouraged by the result in cycling, she then competed in the 2014 Triathlon Nationals in January and won gold starting her journey as a triathlete.

Also a qualified chartered accountant, Pragnya has put her professional career as a CA on hold as she wants to qualify for the Olympics. But to realise that dream she needs to train abroad regularly with professional coaches which requires a lot of money. "I was given the Eklavya Award by the Gujarat government a few years ago. However, I need financial support to train abroad. Cycling is an expensive sport with each component of the cycle costing huge. Recently, I was in Australia for 19 months for training. It's difficult to pay for all these expenses. I have been winning medals for Gujarat for years now but I have not got the requisite support," the triathlete, who led India's debut at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, told this daily.

She now will compete in the mixed relay event of triathlon scheduled on Tuesday. Each participating team comprised two men and as many women athletes. Every one of them swims for 250m, cycles 8km and runs 2.5km. Manipur is the strongest team in the event with Gujarat also expecting to finish in top 3. The next day she will leave for Alanya, Turkey to compete in the Europe Triathlon Cup. A week later she will participate in the Africa Cup scheduled in Tangier, Morocco. She will then travel to London to train under international coach James Beckinsale and mentor and Olympian Gillian Sanders.

Shikha's tale: Modest upbringing, rich rise

FIROZ MIRZA @ Ahmedabad

FOUR years ago, the then 15-year-old Shikha Chauhan started training in swimming. She soon switched the sport and joined her elder sister Chandni who was pursuing canoe slalom. The weak financial condition, however, didn't allow the sisters to continue training together forcing Chandni to leave the sport and start an accounting job to help her father, Sanjay Chauhan, who works at construction sites.

The sacrifice made by the elder sister started paying dividends as Shikha improved by leaps and bounds to become fastest woman in K1 slalom event earning her nickname of 'Rapid Rani'. This year, she won gold in the event in the national championships and followed it up with two bronze — individual and team — at the 2022 Asian Canoe Slalom Championships held in Thailand from March 19 to 21. She also competed at the World Championships.

The Indore teenager, who now trains at Bhopal's MP Water Sports Academy, added yet another feather to her cap by winning the K1 slalom title on her debut at the ongoing 2022 National Games here at Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad on Sunday. She was given the name 'Rapid Rani' a couple of months ago at the eighth edition of the Malabar River Festival and the Malabar White Water Kayaking Championship at Pulikkayam near Kodenchery in Kozhikode, Kerala.

"We were training together but then my father fell ill. The income before then was meagre as my father was supporting a family of five by working at construction sites in and around Indore. The not-so-good financial condition forced my sister to quit the sport and start earning," Shikha told this daily after finishing on top of the podium.

While she started swimming under coach Sagar Tonde, Kuldeep Singh Keer started training her once she switched the sport. "Given her speed and endurance in water, she is known as Rapid Rani in the circuit. Both sisters faced a lot of hardships as they hail from a modest family. After her sister quit canoe slalom, she continued her training at our centre at Maheshwar Nellai Ghat of Narmada river. After she won a gold at the national championships early this year, MP Water Sports Academy gave her an offer to train at their facility and she shifted to Bhopal around a couple of months ago," an elated coach Kuldeep told this daily.

(From left) Vishwajit Singh Kushwaha, Shikha Chauhan, coach Kuldeep Singh Keer & Jahanvi Srivastava at the National Games in Gujarat | EXPRESS

Clean sweep by MP

Madhya Pradesh jumped to 10th spot in the ranking, riding on their clean sweep of slalom events. Hitesh Kewat (kayak men), Vishwajit Singh Kushwaha (canoe men), Shikha Chauhan (kayak women) and Jahanvi Srivastava (canoe women) bagged the four gold medals on offer in slalom events. The Madhya Pradesh contingent also bagged three silver and bronze in 1000m sprints in both kayak and canoe events, which included singles and pairs. Services clinched all the four gold medals on offer in the sprint events.

Lovlina, Jaismine & Hussamuddin confirm medals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Gandhinagar

TOKYO Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and Commonwealth Games medal winning duo of Mohammed Hussamuddin and Jaismine Lamboria assured themselves of a boxing medal each after recording quarterfinal victories at the Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar.

World Youth champion Sachin Siwach (Haryana) beat Chhattisgarh's S Sahil in a bloodied quarterfinal. Both suffered cuts on their foreheads, forcing the referee to end the contest, and award it in favour of the Haryana boxer. World Championships and multiple Asian medallist Shiva Thapa (Assam) also recorded a commanding 5-0 win over Punjab's Vikash.

In women's 60kg division, World Championship medallist Simranjit Kaur (Punjab) also made it to the last four stage with a comfortable 5-0 win over Mizoram's Kroshmangaihsangi. Simranjit will be up against Assam's Pwilao Basumatary, who registered a stunning win against Himachal Pradesh's little-known Dimple Upadhay. Saweety Boora, a World Championship medallist, set up the other 75kg semi-final with Himachal Pradesh's Shreetima Thakur after getting the better of Delhi's Shalakha Singh by a 5-0 verdict.

In the 60kg class, Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Jaismine stood out against Uttarakhand's Lucky Rana. The taller Haryanvi's wide range of punches unsettled Lucky and left her searching for cover in what ended as a lop-sided 5-0 unanimous verdict in favour of the 21-year-old Asian championship medallist. Jaismine will next meet Manipur's Pravish Konthoujam, who won a narrow 3-2 verdict over Maharashtra's Poonam Kaithwas.

Arsenal's Bukayo Saka celebrates after scoring against Liverpool on Sunday | AP

Arsenal down Liverpool

AGENCIES @ London

ARSENAL proved that they mean business this season.

Having beaten arch-rivals Tottenham last week, they pulled off yet another massive win in London in the Premier League on Sunday. Up against a struggling Liverpool, Sunday's test was supposed to be a huge one. And they passed it with flying colours, posting a 3-2 win. Bukayo Saka scored two for the Gunners while Gabriel Martinelli scored one. In the process, Arsenal reclaimed the top spot.

For Liverpool, this was yet another damning result. They just couldn't keep up with the intensity level of the home side. The fact that they conceded in under a minute of the start of the match was telling.

Results: Arsenal 3-2 Liverpool; Crystal Palace 2-1 Leeds; West Ham 3-1 Fulham.

Iyer, Kishan help India level series

ENS @ Chennai

SHREYAS Iyer and Ishan Kishan put on a show with the bat as India kept the three-match ODI series alive with a comfortable seven-wicket win against South Africa in the second match in Ranchi on Sunday.

While the local star Kishan (93 from 84 balls) faced a heartbreak, missing out on his maiden ODI hundred by just seven runs, Shreyas went on to end the century drought (has six fifties since his first ton), finishing with an unbeaten 113 from 111 balls to steer India home. The Mumbaikar's troubles against short-pitched ball is no secret at this point. However, what makes him stand out in the 50-over format is the consistency and the ability to find ways to score runs despite the obvious ploys from the opposition.

Sunday was no different as Shreyas was the patient one among the duo. He negated Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje patiently while scoring with ease against the spinners. Once settled, he took the attack to the Proteas, leaving no bad delivery go unpunished. At some level, it was fitting that Shreyas backed away and hit a short-ball off Nortje — a free hit nevertheless — over extra cover to reach the three-figure mark.

Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan (R) stiched a 161-run partnership | AFP

At the other end was Kishan, who took particular liking towards Nortje and left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj, scoring 53 runs off 38 balls between the two bowlers. Together, they added 161 runs from 155 for the third wicket, making sure India were in the chase after losing both the openers. Having cruised into the 90s, Kishan hit a short and wide delivery straight from left-arm spinner Bjorn Fortuin into the hands of the deep-midwicket fielder. In the end, Sanju Samson and Shreyas saw through the chase for India in 45.5 overs.

Earlier, Mohammed Siraj was the star with the ball for India as he took early wickets, unsettling the tourists. However, fifties from Reeza Hendricks (74) and Aiden Markram (79) helped them recover as they finished with 278/7 in 50 overs. Siraj bowled well across the different phases of the game, taking three wickets for just 38 runs in his 10 overs.

Brief scores: South Africa 278/7 in 50 ovs (Markram 79, Hendricks 74; Siraj 3/38) lost to India 282/3 in 45.5 ovs (Shreyas 113 n.o, Kishan 93).

Hyderabad & Mumbai play out six-goal draw

AGENCIES @ Pune

DEFENDING champions Hyderbad FC and Mumbai City FC took a point each as both sides kicked their Indian Super League (ISL) campaign off with an enthralling 3-3 draw at the Shree Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex in Pune.

The Islanders started the first half on the aggressive and almost got their noses in front in the fifth minute. Jorge Pereyra found Bipin Singh inside the box with a well-timed through ball but the winger could only ripple the net from the outside with his effort. Ten minutes later, Hyderabad got their first shot on target when Joel Chianese's freekick was headed straight at Phurba Lachenpa by Chinglensana Singh.

In the 23rd minute, Mumbai City FC drew first blood on the counter. Bipin blitzed down the left flank before whipping a low ball into the box that was deflected into the back of his own net by Chinglensana. Hyderabad FC pulled level in the last minute of first-half stoppage time after Lalengmawia Ralte brought Bartholomew Ogbeche down inside the box and conceded a penalty. Joao Victor sent the keeper the wrong way from the spot to restore parity.

Five minutes into the second half, the game turned on its head as Chianese took advantage of a midfield mixup and played the ball through to Mohammed Yasir. The 24-year-old winger played an inch-perfect pass to Halicharan Narzary who made no mistake in slotting the ball past the keeper. Less than five minutes later, Bipin's effort was brilliantly saved by Laxmikant Kattimani, denying The Islanders an equaliser.

EXPRESS READ

Rajiv, Senthil grab points again in ARRC

SEPANG: Honda Racing India team's rider duo of Rajiv Sethu and Senthil Kumar finished at the 11th and 13th place, respectively, in the penultimate round of FIM Asia Road Racing Championship here. With a total of three points in Race 1 on Saturday and eight points in Race 2 on Sunday, the team closed the Round 4 of the championship with a solid 11 points in their kitty.

Skeet shooters fail to get past qualifying hurdle

OSIJEK: Indian skeet shooters finished way below the required level to have any chance of winning an Olympic quota in the ongoing ISSF World Championship in Osijek. In the men's section, Gurjoat Singh shot 24 in the final round to finish 51st. Mairaj Ahmad Khan finished 54th. In the women's section, Maheshwari Chauhan finished 29th.

FORMULA ONE

From mad Max to mighty Max: Mature Verstappen joins gilded group

AFP @ Suzuka

MAX Verstappen joined a gilded group of double champions on Sunday, completing a rapid rise to eminence with a flourish in Japanese rain at Suzuka, in utter contrast to his acrimonious maiden success in Abu Dhabi last December.

There he snatched a controversial last-lap triumph from Lewis Hamilton, depriving the Briton of an unprecedented eighth triumph to land Red Bull's first championship since Sebastian Vettel completed four in a row in 2013. Mercedes retained their teams' title for an eighth consecutive season, but that result spelt the end of their Formula One domination.

Red Bull had firmly hinted at what lay ahead and in 2022 they delivered a supreme car, capable of winning anywhere and in any conditions, and a more polished and mature version of Formula One's first Dutch champion. Having celebrated his 25th birthday just over a week ago, he is the second-youngest two-time champion behind Vettel and now stands at the threshold of what may be a record-breaking career.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen celebrates after sealing the title on Sunday | AP

It is a remarkable achievement by a driver who was only 17 when he began his Formula One career with Toro Rosso in 2015. He claimed his maiden victory a year later with Red Bull driving with an almost reckless abandon. Now teenage "Mad Max" has matured into "Mighty Max".

Early years

The son of Jos, a former journeyman F1 driver, and Belgian world-class kart racer Sophie, Max sped to multiple titles as a boy and almost won the F3 title at his first attempt aged 15. Although his parents separated when he was a child, their influence was lasting.

Former Red Bull teammate Daniel Ricciardo recalled his raw pace and determination. "He had already proved his speed," he said. "But in 2018, I remember the first four or five races he had crashes and made quite a lot of mistakes. "But he found a way to fix that and he matured a lot. I think in 2018 he made the biggest transition from young boy into a man with some off-track maturity. It made his track results more consistent and, now, just see what he has done."

LATE DRAMA

Verstappen won a dramatic, rain-shortened race in Suzuka and claimed the championship when his nearest rival Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) was relegated to third by a five-second penalty. Leclerc was was penalised for cutting the chicane on the final lap while being chased down by Sergio Perez.

DOMINANT DISPLAY

Verstappen has dominated throughout the year, winning as many as 12 races so far. On Sunday, where drivers struggled to maintain pace in testing conditions in Suzuka, he was miles ahead of the rest of the pack and coasted to victory with ease.

CLOSE SHAVE

F1 drivers reacted with fury after AlphaTauri's Pierre Gasly passed a tractor on the track on Sunday, on the same Suzuka circuit where Jules Bianchi suffered a fatal accident in similar circumstances. Gasly said he "would be dead right now" if he had hit the vehicle, which was deployed to recover Carlos Sainz's car after the Spaniard crashed in heavy rain on a chaotic first lap.

STANDINGS

Driver	Team	Points
Max Verstappen	Red Bull	366
Sergio Perez	Red Bull	253
Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	252
George Russell	Mercedes	207
Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	202
Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	180

TESTS BEGIN AT DISPUTED ISRAEL-LEBANON GAS FIELD

It is an important step towards extracting gas from the Karish

Energean floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) ship | AFP

ENERGY

JERUSALEM: London-listed firm Energean on Sunday began testing pipes between Israel and the Karish offshore gas field, a key step towards production from the eastern Mediterranean site, a source of friction between neighbours Israel and Lebanon.

Israel has maintained that Karish falls entirely within its territory and is not a subject of negotiation at ongoing, US-mediated maritime border talks with Lebanon.

The two countries remain technically at war.

Beirut has reportedly made claims to parts of Karish, and the Iran-backed Shiite group Hezbollah, which holds huge influence in Lebanon, has previously threatened attacks if Israel began production from the field.

In a statement on Sunday, Energean said that "following approval received from the Israeli Ministry of Energy to start certain testing procedures, the flow of gas from onshore to the FPSO has commenced", referring to the Karish floating production storage offloading facility.

Nearing production

According to Reuters, Energean has said its floating production storage and offloading vessel is due to start production at Karish in the third quarter on Saturday Israeli Defence Minister Benny Gantz said Israel was "nearing production" at the site

The tests, set to take a number of weeks, were "an important step" towards extracting gas from the Karish, Energean said. Lebanon and Israel have engaged in on-off indirect talks since 2020 to delineate their Mediterranean border, which could allow both countries to boost offshore natural gas exploration.

A draft agreement floated by US envoy Amos Hochstein aims to settle competing claims over offshore gas fields and was delivered to Lebanese and Israeli officials in recent days.

Israel had welcomed the terms set out by Hochstein and said they would be subjected to legal review, but gave no indication if it sought substantive changes.

According to *Reuters*, the US-proposal, according to Israeli officials, splits the sea border into two sections. The first five km from shore will be set along a line that Israel set as its border years ago and has already marked with a row of buoys. Lebanon presented its response to Washington's proposal on Tuesday.

Israel said two days later that it planned to reject a proposed Lebanese amendment, even if that jeopardises a possible agreement. Israel reiterated this week that production at Karish would begin as soon as possible, regardless of Lebanon's demands.

Two Lebanese officials involved in the talks told *AFP* on Sunday the US mediator had informed Beirut that the operation at Karish was only a test.

Negotiations on the maritime border are still going on, one official said.

On Saturday, the French foreign ministry said Paris was "actively contributing to the American mediation".

Under the terms of the US draft agreement leaked to the press, all of Karish would fall under Israeli control, while Qana, another potential gas field, would be divided but its exploitation would be under Lebanon's control.

French company Total would be licensed to search for gas in the Qana field, and Israel would receive a share of future revenue.

EXFILE • LITERATURE

Oldest public library in the Americas has Catholic origins

Those who enter the Palafoxiana Library for the first time—seeing the high, vaulted ceiling and gold-framed painting of the Virgin Mary—might think they've arrived at a chapel

CULTURAL CENTRE IN PUEBLA

It is, according to UNESCO, the oldest public library in the Americas, tucked away from the street front at a cultural center in the historic heart of this Mexican city

1646
COMMENCEMENT OF THE LIBRARY

The library owes its existence to one of Puebla's early Catholic bishops, Juan de Palafox y Mendoza, who in ***1646 donated his private library of 5,000 volumes to a local religious college***—with the hope that anyone who knew how to read would have access to them

1773
CONSTRUCTION OF A MAJESTIC LIBRARY

In 1773, more than a century after Palafox's death, the bishop of that era ordered the construction of a majestic library to house the collection

The walls were fitted with two tiers of wooden bookshelves; a third tier was added in the 19th century as donations flowed in from religious leaders and laypeople. There are now more than ***45,000 volumes and manuscripts***

The interior of Palafoxiana library, the oldest public library in the Americas, in Puebla, Mexico, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022 | AP

11,000
GOD COEXISTING WITH THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF HUMANKIND

On the first floor, there are more than ***11,000 Bibles, religious documents and theological texts.*** The second level is dedicated to the relationship between God and people—chronicles of religious orders and the lives of saints—and the third contains books on physics, mathematics, botany, language, architecture, even carpentry

In effect, the overall collection navigates between two worlds — the word of God coexisting with the contributions of humankind

PRINCIPLES OF SCHOLASTIC PHILOSOPHY

The books are organized according to principles of scholastic philosophy which held that the foundation of all knowledge is God and reason is subordinate to faith

Incunabula: Greatest treasure

Among the library's greatest treasures are nine incunabula—books made between ***1450 and 1500 with Gutenberg's first printing techniques — and volume***s by Galen and Vesalius, who are renowned for their contributions to the study of medicine

ENIGMAS OF THE PALAFOXIANA

Inside the library there are no explanatory texts that reveal the enigmas of the Palafoxiana to its visitors, but at the entrance there are always volunteer guides who recount its history to whoever is interested

BOOKSHELVES MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE According to the World Monuments Fund, the added weight of the books stored on the library's third tier made the bookshelves more susceptible to damage when earthquakes struck Puebla in 1999

Destruction of Ukrainian culture

SOCIETY

KYIV: The exquisite golden tiara, inlaid with precious stones by master craftsmen some 1,500 years ago, was one of the world's most valuable artefacts from the blood-letting rule of Attila the Hun, who rampaged with horseback warriors deep into Europe in the 5th century.

The Hun diadem is now vanished from the museum in Ukraine that housed it—perhaps, historians fear, forever. Russian troops carted away the priceless crown and a hoard of other treasures after capturing the Ukrainian city of Melitopol in February, museum authorities say.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine, now in its eighth month, is being accompanied by the destruction and pillaging of historical sites and treasures on an industrial scale, Ukrainian authorities say.

In an interview, Ukraine's culture minister alleged that Russian soldiers helped themselves to artefacts in almost 40 Ukrainian museums. The looting and destruction of cultural sites has caused losses estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars, the minister, Oleksandr Tkachenko, added.

"The attitude of Russians toward Ukrainian culture heritage is a war crime," he said.

For the moment, Ukraine's government and its Western backers supplying weapons are mostly focused on defeating Russia on the battlefield. But if and when peace returns, the preservation of Ukrainian collections of art, history and culture also will be vital, so survivors of the war can begin the next fight: rebuilding their lives.

"These are museums, historical buildings, churches. Everything that was built and created by generations of Ukrainians," Ukraine's first lady, Olena Zelenska, said in September when she visited a Ukrainian museum in New York. "This is a war against our identity." Workers at the Museum of Local History in Melitopol first tried hiding the Hun diadem and other treasures when Russian troops stormed the southern city. But after weeks of repeated searches, Russian soldiers finally discovered the building's secret basement where staff had squirrelled away the museum's most precious objects, as per a museum worker.

Hurricane Julia makes landfall

DISASTER

BLUEFIELDS: Hurricane Julia touched down on Nicaragua's Caribbean coast early on Sunday morning, the US National Hurricane Center said, carrying with it the threat of flash flooding and mudslides across Central America.

Maximum sustained winds were estimated at 140 kph when the storm made landfall near the Laguna de Perlas area at 0715 GMT, the weather agency said. Hours earlier in Bluefields, one of the main coastal towns, fishermen were busy safeguarding their boats as people rushed to buy groceries and withdraw money from ATMs.

Hurricane-force winds and heavy rains began to be felt by around midnight, as per *AFP* photographers in the city, while state media reported detached roofs, fallen trees and power outages. Before reaching Nicaragua, Julia passed over a trio of Colombian islands, an environment ministry official said causing rain and lightning in the country's north.

While authorities reported no significant damage or casualties on the islands, Colombian President Gustavo Petro put the area on "maximum alert".

TAKING A STAND

Climate activists with their hands glued to the perspex covering of Picasso's anti-war painting "Massacre in Korea" at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Tribes to control coastal areas

ENVIRONMENT

Five California tribes will reclaim their right to manage coastal land significant to their history under a first-in-the-nation programme backed with $3.6 million in state money. The tribes will rely on their traditional knowledge to protect more than 200 miles of coastline in the state, as climate change and human activity have impacted the area. Some of the tribes' work will include monitoring salmon after the removal of a century-old defunct dam in the redwood forests and testing for toxins in shellfish, while also educating future generations on traditional practices. This comes 3 years after Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom apologised for the state's mistreatment against Indigenous peoples.

Old homes can brave storms

ARCHITECTURE

Whenever historic homes get flooded, building contractors often feel compelled by government regulations to rip out the water-logged wood flooring and install new, flood-resistant materials. It's a hurried approach that's likely to occur across southwest Florida in the wake of Hurricane Ian. But restorers Paige Pollard and Kerry Shackelford say that historic building materials can often withstand repeated soakings. There's often no need, to put in modern products and dilute a house's historic character. Pollard and Shackelford are part of a movement that aims to prove the resilience of older homes as more fall under the threat of intensifying storms due to climate change.

PROFIT AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS

Along US Gulf Coast, huge gas plants jostle for space

ENERGY

CAMERON: As war rages in Ukraine, and Europe thirsts for fuel, the liquified natural gas (LNG) industry along the US Gulf Coast is preparing to expand—a distressing development to some nearby neighbours. "It's our life they took here," says Travis Dardar from the doorstep of his camper trailer.

An imposing LNG export terminal—a massive facility that receives and liquefies gas from pipelines, then transfers the LNG to ships for export—will soon loom next to his house, forcing him and his wife to move. Another plant is also planned where he fishes, imperiling his shrimp and oyster business. "This is way more catastrophic than any hurricane," Dardar says, adding that people can rebuild after a hurricane.

In this marshy coastal region between Texas and Louisiana, the proliferation of LNG export terminal projects has unsettled residents, who consider the plants to be a threat to their coast, their serenity and their way of life.

"We don't know what they're going to do next. We know one

thing: We can't live here," Dardar says. Last March, a few weeks after the first salvos of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, President Joe Biden pledged to increase LNG deliveries to Europe, which has traditionally been heavily dependent on Russian gas.

US suppliers have exported 44.6 billion cubic metres of LNG to Europe so far in 2022, a sharp rise from the 26 billion cubic metres in 2020, according to the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas, a Washington-based trade group that represents the sector.

The United States has become the world's largest exporter of LNG, an industry centred around the energy-rich Gulf of Mexico, with its infrastructure and strategic location. This area alone has five of the seven active US export terminals and 22 of the 24 projects submitted to the authorities for construction.

This activity, in turn, brings many jobs, promises Charlie Riedl, executive director of the Center for LNG. As long as the terminal construction projects meet environmental criteria, the government should "authorise them without delay," he says. But some residents see the coasts of Louisiana and Texas as "sacrifice zones," says John Allaire, another resident.

Allaire dejectedly watches the waves caused by the huge LNG tankers that erode the shoreline.

Nobel winner protests against Macron

CLIMATE

French author Annie Ernaux, who was awarded the Nobel Literature Prize this week, signed an open letter on Sunday supporting a mass protest against President Emmanuel Macron called by the country's left-wing opposition. Organisers of the demonstration on October 16 accuse Macron of failing to tackle soaring prices for energy and other essentials, and insufficient action against climate change "Emmanuel Macron is seizing this inflation to widen the wealth gaps, and boost the profits of capital, at everyone else's expense," said the letter in the *Journal du Dimanche* newspaper. Ernaux, 82, was listed first and among the most prominent of the 69 signatories. Macron, a former investment banker, had hailed Ernaux's winning of the Nobel. But the unusual public criticism from a writer whose works have achieved widespread acclaim in recent years could bolster anger over his plan to make the French work longer.

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DAY'S DIARY

Funeral day

In a stark ceremony on this day in 1981, attended by leaders from more than 80 nations, President of Egypt Anwar el-Sadat was buried

THE ASSASSINATION

President Anwar Sadat was killed by a group of Egyptian soldiers who attacked his reviewing stand with grenades and assault rifles during a military parade in Cairo

INTERIM RULE

National Assembly speaker Soufi Abu Taleb was announced by Vice President Hosni Mubarak as acting President of Egypt after the assassination

ABOUT SADAT

Born of peasant family, Sadat began his career as one of the firebrand revolutionaries who rose to power with Egypt's fiery Gamal Abdel Nasser

Timeless spirits and precious celebrations

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TUNIR BISWAS

Acknowledging Greatness

The Cubbon Park Walkers Association and Cubbon Park Walkers Forum recently hosted award shows to commemorate exceptional work done by women and young talents

Dancers perform as part of the cultural celebrations | NAGARAJA GEDEKAL

THIS week brought to this city its infamous dampness. Cloudy skies, busy roads and cold weather. However, unlike most days during the wet season, the weekend carried a certain warmth to Bengaluru's air as the Cubbon Park Walkers Association and Cubbon Park Walkers Forum hosted the International Women Achievers Awards 2022 on Sunday at Ravindra Kala Kshethra. The Young Star Award 2022 took place as well.

The mission behind this event was to empower, inspire and promote the works of women achievers and young talents, who have left a positive impact to the society and excelled in their fields of interest. Some of the awardees from this year include Dr Pratima Murthy, director of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Alyia Krumbiegel, famed landscaper and social worker, esteemed classical singer Archana Udupa, who also performed at the function, and beloved actor Bhavana Ramanna, among others. Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education; IT & BT, Science & Technology, and Mysuru maharaja Yadduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar were the chief guests of the event.

Starting in 2019, this is the second time this award show is being organised in South India. Besides our country, Australia and the United Kingdom have also taken part in the event. "We started this to recognise women achievers and young talents, who have done substantially good work for our society's wellbeing. There are so many examples of award shows where money is the key factor. People from the upper echelons of the social hierarchy just give money and take awards. That's not good at all. Many deserving people don't get recognised due to not being very affluent. We wanted to create an award show that is purely for celebrating good work done by folks who gave their all for the rest of us," says **Dr Umesh Kumar**, president of Cubbon Park Walkers Association and Cubbon Park Walkers Forum, who adds that the event, including the lunch, was free for all attendees.

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> – Dr Umesh Kumar, president of the organising committee

The event, which was six months in the making, features multiple attractions, which includes a Kuchupudi dance performance and a musical programme by film music director Srisuresh. "In the maiden year of this event, in 2019, more than 21 countries had participated. We had about 800 attendees then, but this year our footfall has increased to more than two-folds with almost 2000 people attending the award function. We plan on doing this every year as the Bengaluru crowd has been very supportive of our initiative," concludes Dr Kumar.

GRUB HUB

Avin Thaliath

(@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk' taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*. The first prize winner this week will win a hamper worth ₹1,500 from COCO's Bar/Kitchen**

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Dal bhatichurma 2) Kulcha 3) Sambar

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Plavani Sahoo 2) Soni K 3) Pooja Das

A citizen keenly watching a K-Drama with subtitles

ANYONG HASEYO, BENGALURU!

EXPRESS FEATURES

With the rising surge in the popularity of Korean dramas, many Bengalureans are learning the language to enjoy their favourite shows.

Christina M Babu is such K-dram fan, who after watching a lot of Asian shows, feels Korean was an easy to learn language. Especially compared to European languages. "I had a very basic understanding of the language and its culture. The major challenge was Korean reality shows which wouldn't subtitle everything, and I felt that I couldn't enjoy my favourite shows to the fullest," says Babu. To bridge the linguistic gap, Babu, who is a fan of shows like *Vincenzo* and *Descendants Of The Sun*, enrolled herself in the COP course in Korean at the English and Foreign Languages University.

Fellow K-drama fan Pooja Anbu, however, feels learning Korean is not a prerequisite to watching K-dramas. "Once you get into the genre, you start developing a liking for the language. Understanding sentences and phrases feels rewarding," she says.

Meanwhile, others have resorted to learning Korean simply because it is hard to find the right subtitles of their favourite shows. Maanya Sogali says, "It was actually easier to learn the language than download the subtitles. In 2017, I learnt Korean from Coursera and have also been working as a part-time translator. It helps me understand the cultural nuances better."

SURAJ NANGIA, MANAGING PARTNER AT NANGIA ANDERSEN LLP

Suraj Nangia, the Managing Partner at Nangia Andersen LLP, is a seasoned leader, steering businesses to bigger profits, adding value, and significantly strengthening businesses' substratum. In all the achievements and unimpeded growth of his clients, there lies the workmanship of an inspiring business advisor and thought leader. Suraj has been the powerful force behind the growth of Nangia Andersen LLP. His sound leadership, boundless energy, and innate ability to diverse have ensued the firm to enter the Government & Public Sector Advisory, Cyber & Forensic Advisory, Aviation & Defence, IT & ITES Advisory, Sustainability & ESG Solutions, and now, aspiring towards Metaverse. Suraj leads a team of nearly 700 people that advises businesses as well as Central and State governments on policy-related issues, particularly around investment promotion, infrastructure, ease of doing business, skill development, Clean India, and technology transformation.

ACHARYA MANISH, FOUNDER & MD HIIMS HOSPITAL

Acharya Manish Ji is a world-famous name in the field of Ayurveda. He is a living legend who has extensive knowledge of Yoga and Ayurveda. Acharya Manish Ji's goal in life has been influenced by an incident from his childhood. When he was young, he became prone to fever. He went to doctors and astrologers but nothing worked. Things took a turn when he visited his aunt. His uncle offered him some Ayurvedic medicines, and he began to improve, much to his astonishment. He realized that allopathic medicines suppress the symptoms and do not give a cure. Visualizing such a life for everyone, he founded HIIMS and Jeena Sikho. HIIMS (Hospital & Institute Of Integrated Medical Sciences) is a hospital that provides integrated services of Ayurveda, Naturopathy, and Allopathy. HIIMS has taken on the responsibility of offering the best level of care through various techniques to eliminate any disease's root cause.

VIJAY YALAMANCHILI, FOUNDER AND CEO OF KEKA HR

Vijay Yalamanchili, the Founder and CEO of Keka. A strong advocate of loving your native language, he coined Keka's name with the colloquial meaning of "awesome". The zeal for excelling in the world of technology made Vijay establish 4 outrageously successful software solution companies. Vijay believes in co-creating value with every person he interacts with and works with the mindset of there always being an unconventional means to leverage the human potential in making this world a better place. The SME HR tech space leader of India, Keka, has made waves since its inception in 2015. We started as a team of 5 and have expanded to a stellar family of 540+, gaining a colossal amount of recognition and love for their co-creation. Over the years, Keka has revolutionized the universe of HR with software that revolves around employees- the brick layers of any business. And today, despite being a bootstrapped company, we serve 6500+ customers across the country and are the HR software of choice for employee-first organizations.

CHRYS FERNANDES, BUSINESS HEAD AT INDIA SUB-REGION, DUPONT WATER SOLUTIONS

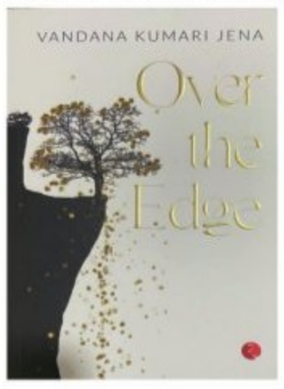
Chrys is a Chemical Engineer, with 28 years of Industry experience ranging from manufacturing, consulting, sales & marketing. He joined DuPont Water Solutions (formerly part of Dow) in 2006, as part of the New Business Development group evaluating new technologies, business models, and M&A for business growth. In Sept 2013, he took responsibility to lead the Regional Marketing & Business strategy leader for the Asia Pacific Region. In his current role as Business Head for India Sub-region, he is responsible to help build and implement a strong business growth strategy for India. Understanding future customer needs and working with a multifunctional team is core to ensuring DuPont is at the front end to develop and launch products that set the trend for the market. He started his career with Degrémont in India with the Design and Engineering Division and then moved to a Sales and marketing role.

NEHA JUNEJA, CEO AT IndiaP2P.com

Neha Juneja, along with Ravinder Voomidisingh and Mohit Gupta started IndiaP2P with a vision to make productive investments offering high returns accessible to all of India to enable wealth generation for investors of all sizes while contributing constructively to economic growth. IndiaP2P.com is a platform for high-yield fixed-income investments designed for retail investors. Neha is a seasoned entrepreneur having previously co-founded & scaled Greenway - the world's largest clean cooking enterprise with ops across India and sub-Saharan Africa where she developed multiple credit partnerships with Banks, MFIs, and NBFCs focused on women as borrowers. Prior to Greenway, she set up India's first consumer-facing derivatives trading platform designed for retail investors. She is an Echoing Green fellow and has won several entrepreneurship awards such as the Business world Young Entrepreneur Award, L'Oreal - Femina Award for Science and Innovation, Intel Global Award, Ashden Award, and more.

VANDANA'S OVER THE EDGE BOOK PEEPS INTO HUMAN NATURE

Vandana Kumari Jena, a retired IAS, writes novels, short stories and poems. Her works include novels



The Dance of Death & Clueless, short stories, The Incubation Chamber, The Future is Mine, `One Rotten Apple and Other Stories' & the collection of middles, 'In the Middle'(2015).Over the Edge, her latest collection of short stories, is short fiction at its best, with superbly crafted plots, deft characterisations and deep insights into human nature. Some stories are chilling, others suspenseful, some are heart breaking and yet others whimsical. Most of them have a twist in the tale. Over the edge is the story of a man who falls down a cliff while taking a selfie, whose wife is accused of his murder. Surabhi is the tale of a man waiting in vain for a kidney transplant, who begins suspecting his wife of infidelity. A storm is brewing depicts the dilemma of a widow who is asked to be a surrogate. Queen for the Day is a delightful tale of an airport attendant who picks up an unclaimed boarding pass of a woman in the throes of labour and takes a free plane ride.

AJITABHA BOSE'S BOOK OUR LOVE STORY IS A STORY OF AN UNSEEN LOVE

Ajitabha Bose is a popular Indian bestselling author, filmmaker and publisher. Based in Delhi currently, he was born and brought up in Jamshedpur. He has 10 books to his credits which includes book on Shah Rukh Khan & Kapil Sharma. He has a base of over a million readers. He was featured in Limca Book of Records for introducing the concept of pocket books in India. Ajitabha was also invited to the The Kapil Sharma Show in 2021.It's Our Love Story is a story of an unseen love. Ajitabha Bose has yet again got an unconventional love story for his readers which asks a very important question - can love happen twice? Being a sequel to It's My Love Story, this too speaks about the love Aditya Mukherjee has for Janvi, his forever love but the twists and turns in the book brings a new journey. An unputdownable love story that will make you cry. The simplification of love exists in this book and the way the characters have encountered their reality is appreciable. All in all, it's a must read.This book is India's first pink page novel and features popular author, Durjoy Datta & Avantika Mohan on the cover.

RENOWNED AUTHOR ASHISH BARDIA'S BOOK "2 AM AND YOU" TRANSPORTS READERS INTO DREAMLAND OF PURE LOVE.

A Rajasthan born, author of a best selling book " 2 Am and YOU" , Ashish Bardia, is not only a successfully budding author but has also been handling his hardware and plywood business for over more than 12 years. Ashish holds two MBA degress in Marketing and Finance.He is a proud father of a son and a loving husband. His inspiration behind his first book " 2 AM AND YOU " has been his son who gave him the strength to follow his passion alongside the routine business. His debut book is divided into three parts where in the first part LOVE will take you into the beautiful dreamland of pure love,"Our love went so deep, and we came so far, just to fulfill your wish, I can fall like star". The second part PAIN will help you connect with the ups and downs during the journey of love,"Every soul is broken here, no one knows how to heal, but with time we get used to pain so much, that we stop caring about how we feel". The final part HEALING which is the heart of the book will provide you with the strength to self heal and move on as life goes on, "Sometimes you don't need to be fixed, sometimes you need to be accepted as you are, loved as you are and believed that it's now a flaw to be incomplete but an opportunity to find someone completes you with their own incompleteness". This book is having beautiful black pages and images with poetry on them which makes it completely different and unique from other poetry books. The journey of the book has been overwhelming as it has not only touched people in India but also has found its way through 32 more countries accross the world. For more interesting updates and content you can visit his instagram handle @words.by.ashish_ and @words.by.aashish which has more that 400K followers.

OMARA DATES PARTNERS WITH AMITABH BACHCHAN TO INTRODUCE GOURMET SAUDI DATES TO INDIA

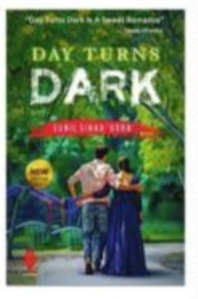
Healthy snacks brand, Omara Dates, which recently hit stores in India, has brought on board Amitabh Bachchan with its range of the finest gourmet Saudi datesThrough this association, Omara Dates aims to introduce health watchers and fine foods enthusiasts in India to a whole new experience of dates. While the health benefits of dates are well known, adoption and daily snacking, especially of the varieties of dates is low. This is mainly because of unavailability and a lack of awareness about these varieties. Omara aims to make the finest dates of the world easily and widely accessible in India.This brand goal translates in their campaign as 'pyaar bhi, khayaal bhi' which urges people to include care along with their gestures of love. Because "Dates have been part of my daily routine and keep me energized throughout the day. Delighted to partner with Omara Dates" said Mr. Bachchan, in a statement. Stressing on the philosophy behind launching the brand, Anil Nair, Founder & Managing Director of Omara Dates, said, "We believe that the best of things in life are the ones produced by nature. Saudi Arabia, is best known for producing the finest varieties of dates in the world. With our robust pan-India distribution network through 70 plus distributors, all major retail outlets, airport stores and all foremost e-commerce platforms including our website; we would be able to make Omara Dates available to everyone who would choose a healthy alternative to their sweet cravings""Dates are credited with a host of health benefits from times immemorial.. No wonder, dates have joined a long list of super foods. With Mr. Bachchan's association with Omara, we are confident of creating more awareness for quality dates in the Indian Market through him" says Maanasa S, Co-Founder & Director Marketing.

DIMPLE PUNJAABI, A THOUGHT-LEADER FOR THE NEXT GENERATION IN THE SELF-GROWTH SPACE

Dimple Punjaabi is a self-work entrepreneur, creative educator, writer and self-empowerment advocate. Her social platform Selfwork Co provides transformational self-help content to a global audience. With a Master's degree in English Literature from King's College London and a Bachelor's degree in Communication Studies from Mount Carmel College India, Dimple considers herself a lifelong learner. Her digital book, Tender Love, was released this August.Q1. What was the inspiration behind starting Selfwork Co?A. I started Selfwork Co during the pandemic. The idea then was to create feel-good, empowering and hopeful content for anyone who needed it.Q2. Your account has often been called one of the best self-help accounts on Instagram. What is your process and how did you go about achieving such a huge global following?A. The focus of Selfwork Co is to provide practical, bitesize, easy-to-use tools to help people in their everyday life. I create content on subjects that I observe around me as universal human struggles. The fact that it resonates with all people irrespective of background, geography, colour, ethnicity or social status is what I think makes Selfwork Co attract such a global following. Q3. What is your vision with Selfwork Co? A. My vision with Selfwork Co is to help as many individuals, families and communities feel confident and emotionally equipped to handle life's challenges. Selfwork Co is dedicated to making well-being and personal transformation tools - both online and offline - easily accessible to people everywhere in the world. Q4 What has been the most difficult and fulfilling part of your work?A. The most difficult part for me - as for anyone doing the work - is to walk the talk. Selfwork Co is also my space to learn, relearn, reflect, accept and grow. I often write about the things I'm struggling with the most. People tend to think I'm always calm, rational and unflappable when really, I'm just another human on a journey. The most fulfilling part is the love and acknowledgment I receive from people for the work I do in this space and knowing that it's helped them have a better relationship with themselves and others. Q5. Who has been your constant support through it all?My parents have been my biggest support systems. They often stretched beyond their comfort zones to give me my freedom. Without their belief in me I would not have been able to pursue my heart's journey.

A DAY TURNS DARK' IS FOR THE BELIEVERS OF LOVE, FRIENDSHIP & FAMILY SAYS FILMMAKER SUNIL SIHAAG

Ex Air Force Personnel Sunil Sihaag hooked the audience with his debut novel Day Turns Dark. The plotline has love, drama and emotion as the main elements, and thus, within no time of the release, it made the book a bestseller. And now, after the book has been able to get so much love and attention from the readers, Sihaag is all set to release a web series adaptation of the same. Titled 'A Day Turns Daark', the web series will mark Sunil Sihaag's entry in the OTT world as a writer, director and producer. The series will be headlined by some very famous actors - Sudhanshu Pandey,Vikas Srivastava, Amarjeet Singh Sangwan, & Fatima Bano.Talking about adapting the book into a series, Sunil Sihaag said that adaptation is the ultimate high-wire act for every book writer. Further, the adaptation can give broad readership/viewers & access to my dramatic work.



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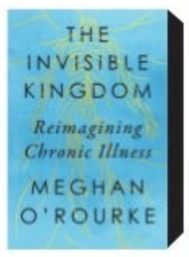
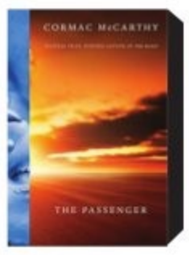


The Invisible Kingdom

by Meghan O'Rourke

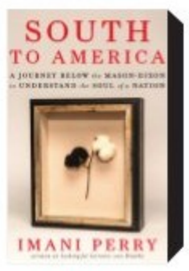
The book explores one of the most consequential and mysterious issues of our time: the rise of chronic illness and autoimmune diseases. It offers hope for the chronically sick, and a radical new understanding of our body and health.



The Passenger

by Cormac McCarthy

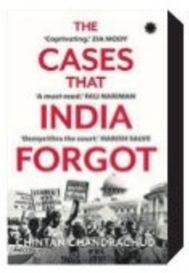
The book tells the story of a salvage diver, haunted by loss, afraid of the watery deep, pursued for a conspiracy beyond his understanding, and longing for a death he cannot reconcile with God.



South to America

by Imani Perry

This is the story of a Black woman and native Alabaman returning to the region she has always called home and considering it with fresh eyes.



THE CASES THAT INDIA FORGOT

by Chintan Chandrachud

Stories of ten extraordinary and dramatic legal cases from the 1950s to the present day that have all but faded from public memory.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Jazzy Night

Groove to some smooth Jazz performed by Netherland based Quartet Arifa as part of the Indo German International Jazz Week.

WHERE: Alliance Francaise Auditorium, Vasanth Nagar | **WHEN:** October 11, 7.30 pm | **DETAILS:** 9844245577

Desi Mixer

DJ Kevin is hosting a dandiya themed night, where you can dance to Bollywood Garba tunes while enjoying refreshing drinks and treats.

WHERE: Tipsy Bull, Koramangala
WHEN: October 10, 8 pm
DETAILS: highape.com

Retro Monday

Dance with the beats of Vj Lokie while he pumps you up with retro Bollywood tracks.

WHERE: Bombay Adda, Koramangala
WHEN: October 10, 7 pm
DETAILS: highape.com

Let's Glow

Experience a neon night by glowing up in the dark while grooving to the electrifying music by the DJ Next Level.

WHERE: CLUB VII Restobar, Domlur
WHEN: October 10, 8 pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Coming Together

Contribute your old, reusable clothes and other materials to brighten up the lives of the underprivileged.

WHERE: GOONJ, Kudlu Gate **WHEN:** October 10, 11 am
DETAILS: 9663798026/ insider.in

Mech Tech

An AI and robotics workshop that gives enthusiasts a chance to enhance their skills and get up to speed with the latest happenings in the field.

WHERE: Open House Sarjapur, Marathahalli
WHEN: October 10, 3 pm
DETAILS: insider.in

Unfiltered Comedy

An open mic that will keep you entertained throughout the night with multiple moments of hilarity by local comics as you enjoy refreshing drinks and savour delicious food.

WHERE: Open House Sarjapur, Marathahalli
WHEN: October 10, 9 pm
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Smile Phactory

Take a break from monotony and watch hilarious performances by the comedy-duo Kishore Yadav and Kelt Dwip, while enjoying some delicious food and drinks.

WHERE: K-OS The GameBar, Koramangala **WHEN:** October 10, 9 pm **DETAILS:** highape.com

REMEMBERING BAPU

A tribute to Mahatma Gandhi through drawings and paintings by artist M S Murthy, exhibited at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath till Oct 12 | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

MASALA PURI

Contributed by **Bhavana Rathod**, Hubballi

INGREDIENTS

- **Wheat flour:** 1 cup
- **Green chilli powder:** 1/2 cup
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Salt :** To taste
- **Red chilli powder:** 2 tsp
- **Ajwain:** 1 tsp
- **Dhania powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Oil:** 1.5 tbsp

METHOD

- Mix all the ingredients to prepare a little hard dough.
- Make small balls of dough and roll them into small circles.
- Deep fry the puri on medium flame.
- Do it till it is properly fried.
- You can eat it with chutney, pickle or anything according to your preference.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com.

FIT BIT

ASTHMA MUDRA

(MUDRA FOR ASTHMA ATTACK)

It is a symbolic, ritualistic gesture of the hands in a yoga practice to relieve the yogi of asthma attacks. You have to practise certain pranayama along with this mudra and Savasana is also recommended.

STEPS

- Take any posture like Padmasana, Sukhasana, Swastikasana or on a chair and take a few breaths.
- Using both hands, bring the tips of the palms close to each other and open the palms along with the fingers.
- Now, bend your middle finger alone and press the fingernails of both fingers against each other.
- The points in touch are the tips of the palms close to the wrist and middle fingernails, with the other fingers wide apart.
- Now, close your eyes and breathe through the nostrils, feeling the flow of air.
- Keep the spine straight and make sure the back feels comfortable.
- Raise the hips for better comfort by sitting on a cushion or even on a chair. But while on a chair the feet must touch the floor.
- Hold the mudra for 15 minutes in one sitting.

BENEFITS

- Activates the points in the palms and the fingers that are connected to the lungs and the chest.
- Relaxes the muscles that line the respiratory tract, giving or reducing the symptoms related to asthma or causing heavy breathing.
- Relaxes the bronchial tubes, and clears it from bad toxins and blockages.
- Helps to open the body muscles.
- To get better benefit, practising this along with Bronchial Mudra is advised.

LIMITATIONS

Follow a strict diet plan and fresh Satvik food including ginger, clove, and turmeric, which strengthens immunity.

Avoid meat, eggs, wheat, milk, dairy products, chilled, sour, or foods with preservatives.

Avoid smoking and consumption of antibiotics.

Keep away from harsh environmental conditions or food habits that irritate the lungs or windpipe.

Don't breathe via mouth especially during winters.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

SAKUTUMBA SAMETHA (Kannada)

Desperate for a wedding, Suri finds his bride in Shraddha. When she calls it off one week before the wedding, a meeting between the families for reconciliation follows.

Cast: Pushpa Belawadi, Bharath GB, Hebbale Krishna

- **Watch on:** Voot

COBRA (Tamil)

Mathematician Mathi has another identity, Cobra, who uses math to commit crimes.

Cast: Vikram, Srinidhi Shetty

- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

MISMATCHED (Hindi, series)

After being set up by their families, two teenagers strike up a tentative friendship at their summer programme.

Cast: Prajakta Koli, Rohit Suresh Saraf

- **Watch on:** Netflix

BELASHURU (Bengali)

While helping a family member diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, a family learns to look at things from a different perspective and in turn mend their relationships with each other.

Cast: Monami Ghosh, Soumitra Chatterjee, Sayak Chakraborthy

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

MAJA MA (Hindi)

A rumour about Pallavi Patel, a quintessential, middle aged, devoted housewife who is famous for her dance and cooking, threatens to disrupt her middle-class family's ethos, on the eve of her son Tejas' engagement with a rich, NRI girl.

Cast: Madhuri Dixit, Barkha Singh, Malhar Thakar

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

TUCK JAGADISH (Telugu)

Bhudevipuram has a long history of families warring over ancestral property. However, when its headman's family falls into the same trap, his younger son decides to break the village's age-old legacy.

Cast: Nani, Ritu Varma, Parvathi Maala

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

EESHO (Malayalam)

While working the night at an ATM, a security guard, who is the prime witness in the case against a powerful industrialist, happens across a mysterious man named Eesho. They engage in a conversation and the guard pours his heart out to the stranger before realising that Eesho may not be a friend. Who is Eesho and what does he want?

Cast: Jayasurya, Namitha Pramod, Jaffer Idukki

- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

FOREIGN

DERRY GIRLS (English, series)

In Derry, Northern Ireland, a young girl and her cousin embark on many exciting adventures after they attend a Catholic girls' school amid a national conflict.

Cast: Saoirse-Monica Jackson, Nicola Coughlan, Jamie-Lee O'Donnell

- **Watch on:** Netflix

ATHENA (French)

Hours after the tragic death of their youngest brother in unexplained circumstances, three siblings have their lives thrown into chaos. When unexplained circumstances raise questions among them, they go in search of answers.

Cast: Dali Benssalah, Ouassini Embarek, Sami Slimane, Anthony Bajon

- **Watch on:** Netflix

PREY (English)

Naru, a skilled warrior of the Comanche Nation, fights to protect her tribe against one of the first highly-evolved predators to land on earth.

Cast: Amber Midthunder, Dakota Beavers, Dane DiLiegro

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

MY BEST FRIEND'S EXORCISM (English)

In 1988 best friends Abby and Gretchen navigate boys, pop culture and a paranormal force clinging to Gretchen. With help from a mall exorcist, Abby is determined to compel the demon back to the pits of hell – if it doesn't kill Gretchen first.

Cast: Elsie Fisher, Amiah Miller, Rachel Ogechi Kanu

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar:	₹199 for 3 months
Zee5:	₹399 for 3 months
Prime Video:	₹179 per month
Netflix:	₹149 per month

TIMELESS SPIRITS AND PRECIOUS CELEBRATIONS

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover, and travel enthusiast)

THE city's whisky, cognac and wine aficionados will stop at nothing to indulge in rare and fine spirits for those special celebratory moments. Liquor store shelves in namma Bengaluru are lined with limited-edition alcohol bottles from around the world aimed at providing a luxury experience to the discerning connoisseurs. With the world's most exquisite spirits selling from several thousands to a couple of crores of rupees, clearly there is a demand for precious liquors steeped in history and style.

Mansionz by Living Liquidz, a sprawling luxury liquor boutique in Malleshwaram, recently unveiled the iconic LOUIS XIII cognac with two of its largest and rarest crystal decanters for the first time – the LOUIS XIII Mathusalem, a six litre decanter, and the LOUIS XIII Jeroboam, a three litre decanter. With its distinctive shape, dentelles and fleur-de-lys motif, these individually numbered decanters house the ultimate expression of the finest eaux-de-vie blend since 1874. The first ever bespoke tasting in the city was led by Malo Le Mestre, brand ambassador for LOUIS XIII along with Abhishek Parameswaran, country manager India at Rémy Cointreau and, Craig Wedge, director retail operations at Mansionz.

With only 50 produced each year, the LOUIS XIII Mathusalem collectors piece is handmade by a team of 20 master crystal artisans with a design inspired by a French 16th-century flask uncovered from the site of the Battle of Jarnac. Both mouth-blown decanters are presented in an opulent wooden trunk with Christophe Pillet-designed glasses and a spear (pipette) – a tool traditionally used by generations of Cellar Masters to extract the deep amber liquid with the lightest touch as part of a unique tasting ritual. The 700ml Classic decanter of LOUIS XIII is priced at ₹2.85 lakhs while the 3L and 6L decanter prices are available on request.

Sonarys fine wine importers have built an enviable portfolio of top products from famed wine-growing regions of the world on their stock list. Some of the prominent wines include the Pauillac de Chateau Latour 2015 (₹24,600), the Sassicaia Bolgheri Sassicaia DOC 2018 (₹33,990) and the Chateau de Beaucastel, Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2017 (₹26,901).

Dom Pérignon, the world's most prestigious champagne named after the 17th-century Benedictine monk, belongs to luxury goods conglomerate LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton. The exceptional Dom Pérignon P2 2000 champagne (₹52,287) is released after 15 to 20 years lees ageing and the wine is fruit intense, vibrant and crisp. Besserat de Bellefon BB 1843 (₹42,000), imported by Monika Alcobev, is a brut blended champagne made from vineyards classified as Grand Cru and Premier Cru. This beautiful pale gold cuvée is called BB 1843 in homage to the creation date of Maison Besserat de Bellefon. More than 150 years later, Hennessy still makes a very fine XO. The Hennessy X.O (₹22,649) 'extra-old' cognac is oaky with leather, tobacco and spice notes and is best savoured with a cigar.

According to Hemanth Rao, founder of Single Malt Amateur Club, "Whiskies such as the Glenmorangie Grand Vintage, Laphroaig 25 YO, Bushmills 21 YO, and Talisker 25 YO are being sold at price points ranging from Rs 35k to ₹1 lakh depending on the vintage and year of import. Indian manufacturers have started to offer variants in this category, such as Mithuna from Paul John and Amrut Fusion XI."

10, Bengaluru's newest speakeasy bar, recently offered the most expensive cocktail in town. Curated by ace mixologist Yangdup Lama, the two masterpiece cocktails Millionaire Manhattan and Darjeeling Dew were priced at ₹10,000 each.

NAILING THE FESTIVE LOOK

PAIRED WITH PANACHE
Anuja Pandey

(The author is social media influencer @loftyspectrums and lifestyle coach)

WHETHER you are hosting festivities or hopping to three different parties, you'll indeed have a packed calendar this month. This month needs more makeup looks, extensive hair styling, and various fashion statements with jewellery and clothes.

When one is party hopping in a single day, then one needs to be up for smart styling as salon visits are undoubtedly not possible. Whilst soaking in these festive vibes, it is tricky to look your best on each occasion. Let us see how you can change your looks.

1. Hair styling: This can give a totally revamped look to each one of us. From sleek and chic straight hair to effortless casual waves, or head-turning curls, you can do it all at home. And since we fashionistas are more mindful of products we prefer to use, we need safe, healthy styling innovations to keep our hair and skin in the best shape. Vidyut Kaul, head- personal health, Philips Indian Subcontinent, says, "We have launched a new range of female grooming products which aims to provide active care to the consumer's hair while also providing a premium styling experience. With UV protection technology introduced in our latest range of products, we want to ensure that the hair health of our consumers remains intact while offering them styled hair."

2. Kurtas styled differently: This year kurtas coupled with skirts or palazzos, churidars or patialas, long or short kurtis can be styled comfortably to dance and yet be stylish. Every time you style it differently, it changes the look dramatically. Kurtas are a part of the festive brigade, be it in cotton, silk, silk blends with cotton, tussar, Ajrakh print, handloom weaving, zari embroidery, floral prints or hand embroidery. "Rich hues, intricate embroideries, bold prints and sustainable fits add to our belief in this

silhouette that kurtas are classic," says Dipali Patwa, the group head of brand, community and digital, Fabindia Limited. She further adds, "This festive season we have a collection that pays homage to the rich heritage and techniques of India juxtaposed with vibrant colour and craft to create those special festive ensembles. Not to miss this season is our Kurta is Festive collection."

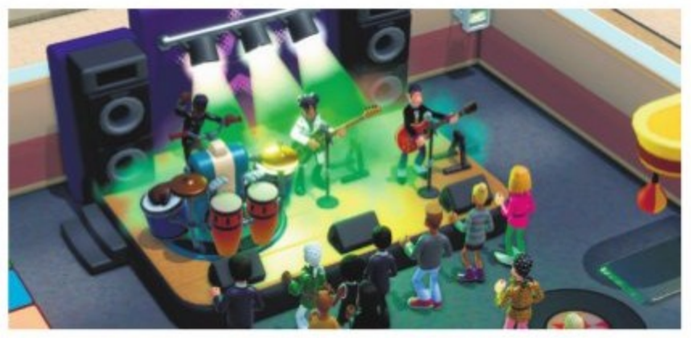
3. Makeup looks: The hack to achieve a perfectly sculpted face and different looks is to either accentuate the eyes or lips or cheekbones or sometimes go all out. Mamta Naik, associate vice president, product development, SUGAR Cosmetics says, "This fun & frolic of festivities comes with long hectic nights and opting for comfortable and long-lasting makeup and being always photo-ready is of utmost importance. Opting for waterproof products, and using the right setting mists and powders would be the best trick to make your makeup stay put all night long."

This festive season, make sure you are comfortable, confident and bold in your own skin and are able to manage styling various looks impeccably.

Two Point Campus:
An excellent management simulator

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)



As a player of videogames, I have mostly played as an assassin, an unemployed person in a post-apocalyptic world, or a contemporary treasure hunter. Till 'Two Point Campus', I have never had the opportunity to have a life-like job with real career advancement opportunities. Two Point Campus (TPC) is an excellent business management simulator, and I intend to humourlessly convey my experience here to future employers.

In TPC, I am delegated with the task of handling an academic institution. I am provided an empty campus, in which I must fill in rooms: lecture rooms, toilets, dormitories, research centres, libraries and staff rooms. The central task of the game is ensuring that these rooms are placed appropriately in a mighty bounded tetris board, while also quietly looking at my budget slide down to zero. I must then employ teachers, and then start the next academic year.

With the influx of students, I find my budget being refilled with fees. Temporary relief. But there are new outflow sources. Hungry students want operating food stalls. They cry and leave the school if I can't give it to them in time. Jasper Skiver, a rich student that I must keep on campus for reasons of economy, thinks the campus doesn't look "cool" enough. So, I must put cool posters on the walls. Mia Eggnog is threatening to fail her assignment if I don't build a dragon tower. I spend my last 20,000 in-game currency to build her one. Meanwhile, I also employ janitors to clean up the mess and maintain functional equipment in the growing number of rooms on campus. While it's a lot to handle simultaneously, the term time announcements are quite entertaining, and the game plays nice music while I'm hard at work.

Eventually, I meet the criteria that upgrades the campus to a "one star". This opens additional campuses spread across the map. Each campus is unique and presents itself with new challenges. But I am a better manager now. I can handle it all. TPC is an excellent game where I get to give infinite parties to students and decide whatever courses I want — for example, I was once employed in a school for knights, and I had the unique opportunity to make baking a compulsory course in their curriculum. It is one of the exceptional few games where I feel completely calm and in control of increasingly chaotic situations. I played it on the Nintendo Switch — which I feel is the best platform for this game. But it is also available on the PC, Xbox and PlayStation.

NUGGET

Eatery launches brunch series

RCB Bar & Café launched their brunch series, Sun & Scotch, inaugurated by Chefs Saransh Goila and Bhakti Mehta. It will feature food and beverages created by top chefs every Saturday afternoon. A celebrity chef will take over the kitchen once a month to grace the guests with a unique experience. The menu features delicacies like thecha, brie appams, salmon ceviche paani puri and others, which incorporate unique flavours and ingredients across India. It will also feature Chef Saransh Goila's famous butter chicken.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **Vishwatma Vishweshwar Bhat,** Aged about 19 Years, S/o Vishweshwar Bhat, residing at : No. 965, Sri Ramachandra, 2nd Phase, 5th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098, I have changed my name from Vishwatma Bhat (Old Name) To **VISHWATMA VISHWESHWAR BHAT, (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated **30.09.2022** sworn in before **S. R. Thulasikrishna, M.A., L.L.B Advocate & Notary,** Govt. of India, Rajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore - 560098.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **K CHIDANAND BALIGA** And **CHIDANANDA BALIGA** And **CHIDANAND BALIGA** S/o **Mohandas Baliga Kalyanpur** R/at No.203, Oakwood Apartment, VMV Layout, Near Horamavu BBMP Ward Office, Horamavu, Bengaluru- 560043 have changed my name to **CHIDANANDA BALIGA KALYANPUR** vide affidavit dated:8/10/2022 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RENUKAMMA SHARANAPPA BANGALORE** and **RENUKAMMA S B** R/at No.185, 6th Main, Remco Layout, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- 560104 have changed my name to **RENUKA RAVINDRAGOUDA PATIL** vide affidavit dated: 8/10/2022 before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SHANKAR.A,** residing at No. 07, MNS Mess Servant Quarters, Air Force, Command Hospital, Bangalore-560007, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHANKAR.A** to **(NEW NAME) ALEXANDER.A.,** vide affidavit Dated 22/09/2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRANAV**, S/o Prakash Shridhar Hegde, R/o No. H2 Wilasa, Doddakallasandra, near Konanakunte cross, Bangalore - 560062, Karnataka, have changed my name as **PRANAV PRAKASH HEGDE**, vide affidavit dated 08/10/2022, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUP TULJARAM GAIDHANKAR** Father of **RADNYA ANUP GAIDHANKAR** (Name of applicant) aged 7 months (Age) residing at A-109, BHARATH NAGAR, BEML NAGAR, KGF, KARNATAKA -563115 have changed my daughter's name from **RADNYA** to **RADNYA ANUP GAIDHANKAR** vide Affidavit dated 28/09/2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, KUNAL, S/o. Savinder singh, permanent Resident at R/O KHASRA No-37/15, Street No-1, extn Village, Qutab Garh, North West Delhi Delhi-110039. Presently #72, North West County Angsana Resorts, Rajanukunte, Addevishwanathapura, Doddaballapura Road, Bangalore. Have Changed my name from **KUNAL** to **KUNAL RANA**., vide affidavit dated 7/10/2022 sworn to before S R Ravikumar Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHANUNJAY REDDY PADAVENKATARAMANAPPA** and **DHANUNJAYA REDDY P V** S/o **Padavenkataramanappa** R/at No.50, 1st Main, C Cross, New Guddadahalli, Bengaluru-560026, have changed my name to **DHANANJAYA REDDY PADAVENKATARAMANAPPA** vide affidavit dated:8/10/2022 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I hitherto known as **PARVATHI H** wife of T Sreedhar Babu, residing at No.13-47 C Yenumalapalli, Puttaparthi, Ananthapur, Andhara Pradesh -515134, have changed my name after Marriage to **T PAVANI** and shall hereafter be known as **T PAVANI** Vide Affidavit dated 08.10.2022 before Notary Chandrakala, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARIPRIYA.V** D/o No:2581662P. HAV EX S. VENUGOPAL resident of No.5, Hanuman Nagar, 3rd Cross, New Thippasandra, Bangalore-560075 have changed my name from **HARIPRIYA** to **HARIPRIYA.V** vide affidavit dated 07.10.2022 sworn before notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VEENA**, W/o Prakash Shridhar Hegde, R/o No. H2 Wilasa, Doddakallasandra near Konanakunte cross Bangalore - 560062 Karnataka, have changed my name as **VEENABAYI PRAKASH HEGDE**, vide affidavit dated 08/10/2022 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KHADERUN** w/o Mohammed Umar, R/o Flat no. 308, DS Max Seagull Apt, No. 17/3, 1st Main, Bethel Nagar, KR Puram, Bangalore 560049, have changed my name from **PEERAN SAHEB KHADEERUN** to **KHADERUN** after my marriage. For all purposes my changed name is KHADERUN. Vide affidavit dt. 08.10.2022 before notary K B Sadashivappa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JC-413391H SUBEDAR (CLERK (SD) M. MAILVAKANAN (Retd) residing at No.2. Flat No.A-3, Tabarak Court, 3rd Cross, Adi Kabir Ashram Road, Matadahalli, R. T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032, Declare That I have changed The name of My Wife from **KAVITA RANI** to **KAVITHA RANI M**., vide affidavit dated 11/5/2022 sworn to before Shivakumara M.N Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **DILIP KUMAR N** (Father) and **LEENA N V** (Mother) R/at No.J104, 10th Cross, Lakshminarayana Puram, Bengaluru- 560021, have changed our Son's name from **KEVIN D** To **KOUSTUBH VARADITYA D** vide affidavit dated:8/10/2022 Before Notary **M.K.Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MANJUNATH C JAINAR S/o Chandrappa N Jainar R/a #19, Padmamba Nivas, Bavikatte TUDA Layout, Ward #1, Honnenahalli Road, Tumkur- 572106 Have Changed My Name From MANJUNATH JAINAR to MANJUNATH C JAINAR and My Father Correct Name as CHANDRAPPA N JAINAR Instead of MANJUNATH JAINAR and CHANDRAPPA JAINAR in My Passport. Vide Affidavit Dated 08-10-2022 Before Notary T.N. Bharathi Tumkur.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **INDRANI,** Spouse of No.01309648F Rank Ex Havildar Name Late. A.Vasudevan, No.24, Velagam, 1st Main, Yerana Palya, Ramamurthy Nagar, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore-560016, Karnataka, have changed my name from **INDRANI** to **R INDRANI** vide affidavit dated 07/10/2022 sworn before notary C.V.Earappa, Mayo Hall Court, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARSHA**, D/o Prakash Shridhar Hegde, R/o No. H2 Wilasa, Doddakallasandra near Konanakunte cross Bangalore - 560062 Karnataka, have changed my name as **VARSHA PRAKASH HEGDE**, vide affidavit dated 08/10/2022, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Guruprasad .R**, S/o. Sri. Rajanna, Aged about 28 years, R/at No. 8/1, Near Carmel School, Lakshmanagar, Hegganahalli, Vishwaneedam, Bangalore North, Bengaluru - 560 091, have changed my name from **Guruprasad .R** to **Saru .R** vide affidavit dated 07/10/2022 sworn before Advocate & Notary Shanthappa .D.G, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMBIKA KONAPURE** D/o Shantaram Konapure, R/o TF6, Elegant Palace, 1st Cross, Yelachenahalli, Kanakapura Road, Bangaluru-560078, after my marriage with Vidyasagar Chincholi on 31/05/1982, have changed my name from **AMBIKA KONAPURE** to **SHARADA CHINCHOLI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dt 7/10/2022 sworn before notary L. Puttaraju, Reg no: LAW-LCL/274/2020, Bengaluru.

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'GANDHADA GUDI IS A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER NATURE'

...said Prime Minister, Narendra Modi as he shared the trailer of Puneeth Rajkumar's swansong

A SHARADHAA

GANDHADA Gudi is set to hit the theatres on October 28, and this project will mark Puneeth Rajkumar's final appearance on the silver screen. The trailer of this adventure docu-drama was released on October 9, and we see the Powerstar and director JS Amoghavarsha taking us through the vibrant landscape of Karnataka. Puneeth's travel and his tryst with nature as he traverses tough terrains and challenges are showcased in the trailer have caught everyone's attention. From Kannada celebrities and politicians, including the Prime Minister of India. Narendra Modi, people are sharing their views on the trailer of *Gandhada Gudi*.

PM Modi said, "Appu lives in the hearts of millions around the world. He was brilliance personified, full of energy and blessed with unparalleled talent. #*GandhadaGudi* is a tribute to Mother Nature, Karnataka's natural beauty and environmental conservation. My best wishes for this endeavour."

Expressing his elation over the responses, especially from the prime minister, Amoghavarsha says, "It is a National pride. As a country with 1.3 billion people, we still have tigers and elephants, which other countries can't boast of. We need to celebrate and take pride in the good things we have, and this message of hope is very relevant in these times"

Gandhada Gudi has Puneeth playing himself and the director feels that it is this choice that makes the film unique and raw. "This being his last glimpse, it has become kind of a legacy he leaves behind for all of us. Not in terms of who he was, but what our land is, and what we need to take pride in."

The director is happy to have experimented with a new format of filmmaking. "*Gandhada Gudi,* which has a tryst with nature, was always planned for a big screen release, and when we saw the glimpses, we were even more firm about the decision. The technology used to make *Gandhada Gudi* is on par with the world cinema. It is a musical and a family-friendly movie. We wanted *Gandhada Gudi* to appeal to the kids also, and we ensured that came through while filming."

Amoghavarsha, who shot *Gandhada Gudi* over a year, says he has hours and hours of content, and it was brought down to 90-100 minutes.

Gandhada Gudi is jointly produced by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar's PRK Productions and Mudskipper. The docu-feature film has Ajaneesh Loknath scoring the music, and Pratheek Shetty handling the cinematography.

Meanwhile, the makers are planning to hold a pre-release event on October 21, and specially designed invitations are being sent to top celebrities and politicians.

Puneeth Rajkumar and director Amoghavarsha

Jayaram joins the cast of Shivarajkumar's *Ghost*

CE FEATURES

JAYARAM, who was last seen in *Ponniyin Selvan,* will be making his Kannada debut with Shivarajkumar's *Ghost,* the actor recently announced on his social media handle.

We had earlier reported about the possibility of Jayaram's collaboration with Shivarajkumar. Directed by Srini, *Ghost* is expected to go on floors in October. Billed as a heist thriller, Jayaram will reportedly play a pivotal role in this film. *Ghost* also features Prashant Narayanan, Achyuth Kumar, Dattanna, and Avinash in prominent roles. The film has music composed by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Mahendra Simha. Meanwhile, Jayaram has a slew of projects including *RC15, Kushi, Namo* and *Ravanasura,* among several others.

Jayaram

Shivarajkumar

Prithviraj; a still from *Kantara*

Prithviraj's banner to present *Kantara* in Malayalam

CE FEATURES

KANNADA actor-director Rishab Shetty's *Kantara* continues to get glorious responses from all corners. The film, which came with minimal hype, has exceeded all expectations and is doing blockbuster business outisde Karnataka. Inspired by its massive success, the makers are set to release the film's dubbed versions including Tamil and Malayalam. Actor Prithviraj Sukumaran's banner Prithviraj Productions will release the Malayalam version across Kerala. He confirmed the same with a social media post. However, an official announcement regarding the release date has not yet been made.

Earlier, Prithviraj had also tweeted in praise of *Kantara*. He called Rishab Shetty, who played the lead and directed the film, an absolute genius to have pulled off 'a glorious cinematic achievement'. The film is backed by Hombale Films, with whom Prithviraj is collaborating next for a multilingual titled *Tyson*. The actor praised the production house for a 'mind-blowing portfolio of content they are building'.

Chandan Shetty, Apurva team up for *Sutradhari*

CE FEATURES

RAPPER-turned-actor Chandan Shetty, who is making his debut as a lead actor with Sujay Shastry's upcoming comedy, *Elra Kaaleliyatte Kaala*, has signed his second film.

Titled Sutradhari, the film will be directed by debutant Kiran Kumar, who will also be appearing in the pivotal role of an investigator in this whodunit thriller.

Produced by Navarasan, the shooting of *Sutradhari* will begin on October 10.

Sutradhari will have Apurva (*Apoorva, Victory 2 Krishna Talkies, Purushotama*) playing the female lead, and senior actor Tabla Nani playing a prominent character.

In an interaction with the media, Chandan shared that his second project involved a physical transformation of sorts, and he is getting ready to become fit for the role. *Sutradhari* will have PKH Dass handling the cinematography.

Apurva and Chandan Shetty

Ben Kingsley will next star in *Violent Cases*

CE FEATURES

OSCAR-winning actor Ben Kingsley will next star in a feature film adaptation of *Violent Cases,* the first ever graphic novel from Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean. Scary Monster, Lakesville Productions and Foton.Pictures are teaming up to produce this film that will be made by the creative team behind *The Girl With All the Gifts* - Mike Carey, director Colm McCarthy and producer Camille Gatin.

According to sources, the graphic novel's original publisher Mike Lake reached out to Gaiman regarding the film adaptation and had also recommended writer Carey, who had previously worked on Gaiman's *Lucifer* and *Sandman*. "*Violent Cases* is a journey into the mind of Neil Gaiman, as a famous author recounts fragmented childhood memories and visits to an osteopath who once worked for Al Capone, weaving a dark and twisting tale about stories, our memory, violence and the ways we can't escape our past," reads the logline. Kingsley will play the role of the osteopath.

Ajay Devgn's *Drishyam 2* shoot wrapped

CE FEATURES

SHOOT for Ajay Devgn's *Drishyam 2* has been wrapped up. The team finished shooting by filming a song sequence in Goa. The film is gearing up to hit screens on November 18.

Drishyam 2, directed by Abhishek Pathak, is the sequel to *Drishyam*, which was released in 2015. It was a remake of the Malayalam original of the same name starring Mohanlal. The sequel is also a remake of the 2021-released Malayalam film *Drishyam 2*.

The film has Ajay Devgn returning as Vijay Salgaonkar and is joined by Tabu, Shriya Saran and franchise entrant Akshaye Khanna. Ishita Dutta and Rajat Kapoor are also in the cast. The sequel begins seven years after the events of the first film and tests Vijay's resolve to protect his family.

Apart from *Drishyam 2,* Ajay has multiple projects lined up for release, including *Thank God, Maidaan* and his own directorial *Bholaa,*

Manoj Bajpayee

Manoj Bajpayee begins shoot for courtroom drama

CE FEATURES

MANOJ Bajpayee has started shooting for his upcoming film, a courtroom drama. The untitled project marks the film debut of Apoorv Singh Karki, who has directed popular web shows like *Aspirants, Saas Bahu Aachaar Pvt Ltd* and *Flames*. The film is backed by Vinod Bhanushali's Bhanushali Studios Limited, Suparn S Varma and Zee Studios. It reunites Manoj and Suparn after *The Family Man*.

Speaking about the film, Manoj said in a statement, "When Vinod Bhanushali & Suparn S Varma told me about the story, I was fascinated and immediately agreed to be a part of this beautiful script. The courtroom drama will enthrall and intrigue the audience that Apoorv Karki will create, and we are excited as we start shooting today. I am sure this film is something people will remember for a really long time."

Team *Dhoomam*

Filming of Fahadh-Pawan's *Dhoomam* begins

CE FEATURES

WE had recently reported that Kannnada filmmaker Pawan Kumar will be joining hands with Fahadh Faasil and Aparana Balamurali for a multilingual project titled Dhoomam. The film produced by Vijay Kiragandur's Hombale Films was official launched with a formal muhurath ceremony on Sunday, which saw the film's primary cast and crew in attendance. There are reports stating that *Dhoomam* is revival of Pawan Kumar's long-delayed project, C10H14N2 (Nicotine), but there has been no official word on it yet. Pawan's frequent collaborator Poornachandra Tejaswi will be composing the music for the film while Preetha Jayaraman will handle the cinematography.